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Hamilton, Ontario
Fisheries Overseer and Inspector
Southern Ontario, 1864-1888

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David Sharp Esqr

Sterling Commerce. —

Cash Register. —

Cash. —

I look up your Memorandums: you Debtor — and you: this Company. to Cash Cr — Thus! —

1. Mr Cash Sterling Cash. —
2. Mr Smith. — do. —
3. D. Cash — do. —
4. J Jackson. — do. —
5. S. Jones — do. —
6. J Smith — do. —
7. Jackson — do. —

Sterling Cash — Cash Cr —

John S. Cash — Sterling Cash —

James Langley — Sterling Cash.

Charles Hudson — Cash Cr.

I shall go on this manner to Sterling off altogether!

page you will find —

what you do in your private book

your — your account is not to be so

How was Mr Cash's worth 216, and 26 —

to Sparrow, worth 166 was the value of

Charles was Cash Cr — by Sterling

Cash Cr. You understand Mr Hudson

Book; and so of Cash Cr by

at Cash Register — to Cash

J Smith.

Cash Cr. — Joseph Sharp

Mr Hudson. — Sharp Cash

Sharp Cr — Joseph Edmonds

Cash Cr. — James Lee

Cash Cr — Sharp Cash Cr.

— to Cash Cr. —

I — may you have better Success

Lee! — with Langley! —

I suppose I may go on the Water

Memorandum for S. P. Brunet Esq.
Acting Commissioner
H. B. Ottawa.

Will you be pleased to send me
Office, one Blank Spanning Licence,
for Burlington Bay and Burlington
Canal Collector. Yours Respectfully
Hamilton, Ont.
22 January 1864. Wm. Kerr
Collector Customs.

"Fishery/ Overseers Office.-
Hamilton. 15. January/ 1884.-

Sir.-

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft-
No: 228. for the sum of Forty three dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for
the past year, and this current year. as follows:—

1. Thomas Joyce. Bronte. For licence to fish two
Boats. K. in Lake Ontario, in front of County of
Halton, during year 1883.- already received, and
delivered.- amount now sent is. $.10.00/.

2. Robert Joyce.- Bronte. - do. - do. - " 10.00.-

3. James Joyce.- do. - do. - do. - " 10.00.-

4. Wm. Joyce. do. Bronte. do.- do.- " 5.00.-

5. William Lowe. Hamilton. For a licence to
spear Bass. Pike. and Herring; in Burlington Bay.
and Dundas Marsh; between 8th. January. and
14th April next 1884.- amount now sent is! - "1.00.-

6. George Reid. do. do. do. - 1.00.-

7. Thomas Henderson. do. do. do.- 1.00.-

8. Wm. Spencer.- do. do. do.- 1.00.-

9. Joseph Tuby. Saltfleet.- do. do.- 1.00.-

10. Gabriel Hopkins. East Flamboro. do.- 1.00.-

11. Mr. Eastwood. Hamilton.- do. do.- 1.00.-

12. Wm Walker.- Dundas.- do. do.- 1.00.-

Respectfully Enclosed!- Total.- $.43.00/.

I Have the Honor to be,-

Sir.-

S. C. Bennet Esq re (

Acting Com: of Fisheries. Ottawa.- Your Obedient Servant.

Ottawa.- [illegible]

John Wilkinson.-

Fishery Overseer.-

Fairchild.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 14. January 1884.

Sir.—

In submitting this Voucher, No: 10.— for the sum of Twenty dollars: in the name of Mr. W. D. Pollock. Fishery Ward — Route ...

I have the honor to explain for your information, that I recommended the same being paid to him for postages, telegraphs, Stationery &c. Route, has at present eleven Boats; with Gotts men, engaged in fishing for Bass: and Mr. Pollock, has frequently corresponded with me, each year and every year during his appointment.— He is, also has been very attentive to his duties in looking after the 12, and 16 mile Creeks, and the protection of the Fish, therein! and in travelling round during the past three years: he has incurred expenses, outside of his Salary each year; amounting in the aggregate to about $20.— which I respectfully recommend you will be pleased to pay him.—

His Salary, as Warden.— is 12, and 16 mile Creeks, is only $30. per year: he has never had anything additional.— Respectfully Submitted.—

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
D. McIlwraith.—
Fishery Overseer.—

D. O. Comptroller
Inland Revenue:
Ottawa.

Private!

Hamilton Bks.
11. June: 1864.

My dear Sir,—

Many thanks for your Kind and considerate remembrance! It is very thoughtful of you to remember me.—

I send you my Annual Returns K. herewith! my Report thereon in a couple of days.— I have to make out Quarterly Divine Service Returns. K.— Ct Ryerse for him!.—

I will let my Lt. D. Collinks. K.— Guardian apply for the Family Soldiers stand Land: for the present! — the mean time I thank you most sincerely for your care in the get it for him..

As soon as convenient, please have the charges sent me for my Commission.

Just as you say! a vast difference between the Thin and two letters of Blank Blank, and the finest burning letter of Jesus & Peter! you sent me.. —

This Book at Hamilton in their Store, is a very Common one! and very inferior for your Services obliging.. I took an Opportunity in getting among amongst the Trade. Some half dozen Books. Such, one Book

I hope to be able to start for Toronto, K. just as soon as I get my Report, and Lt. D. Sharp's returns out of my hands.. I have also to ask to be Absent one Week or Ten days with my Division expenses are very heavy. I am Yours Sincerely

J. C. Chewett Lt Col
Deputy Adjutant General
Military District No. 1.
Toronto

J. Chewett

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Mr. James Kirkwood. —
Fisheries. —
Niagara. —

Dear Sir. —

On my arrival home here on last thursday evening I found your Letter Stating that you had — the Niagara River, with Licenses, which had arrived during my temporary absence. — You may now prepare your River Seine: and show the ignorant world Fishermen!! what extraordinary fishing you would make: if you had a License to fish in the River! — The licenses for '52 are just to the department on the 1st of January, instant: Mr. Jane Smith of Niagara, and Mr. Thomas Smith your Neighbour has a similar license for the same fishing ground! — But no other person, but a — fisherman or otherwise! has

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an right whatever to fish in those ground except to Angle or Troll for fish therein. — Now Sir, as agreed upon between you and I, about merging the White fish Line & Seine together to be cast at Fort Mississauga!!?

Now my Jim! what do you think of the Great Canadian that has been bought about in the Niagara Fisheries! within the past two years! a Fishing ground at your front door Sir! — Let us cordially thank for this gracious and many undeserved favours we generation to another world without end! Amen!!.

The weather commences to be here as it got time! and it has been getting warm since! I have not been in Hamilton since last Christmas! I hope you are very Cheerful and I have light my mind in thinking for you the Fishing! Give us up and for your sharp for prosper you! Yours truly. —

Hamilton Ont.
19 January 1852.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 22.d January 1884.

Sir

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 857. for the sum of Thirty seven dollars.—
Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for years 1883. and 1884.—
1. Wm and Chester A. Harris. Port Erie: For bal.. due on Seine hauling license in the Niagara River thro. for year 1883.— 10.00
2. Wm and Chester A. Harris. Port Erie:— Will you be pleased to send me a license for them for this current year! to be same as last license!.—
3. John Jordan, Hamilton. For spearing license in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh. for 8 months, ending 15.th April 1884. amount. 4.00
4. Charles Luick. Hamilton. For do.. do.. 1.00
5. Daniel Hodson, do.. do.. do.. 1.00
6. A. Hunter.. do.. do.. do.. 1.00
7. Rich: Phillips.. do.. do.. do.. 1.00
8. Thomas Jordan.. do.. do.. do.. 1.00
9. John Young.. do.. do.. do.. 1.00
10. Wilson Smith, Hamilton! For Seine Hauling License in Niagara River! To be same as last year. Will be obliged if you will forward the amount of Fifty seven dollars to the Hon. Minister of Marine & Fisheries Ottawa. 57.00
Sum total.. $57.00

I have the honor to be...

Sir
Your obedient Servant.—

Friday Canvass Office.—
Hamilton. 22. January 1864.—

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for the undermentioned licenses for this current year, and I beg most respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to grant, and issue me the same for issue!—

1. Richard Gilbert, Jordan Station! For a License to sell Spirituous and Fermented liquors in the Quantity under One! township of Louth! to be the same as last year! — amount to be..... 15:00..

2. John H. Smith, Port Dalhousie: For a license to sell One Year, Spirituous, and One Year of Malt liquors... ...in his house in Lake Erie: Between Shadrach Fry and Morgan Smith, township of Humberstone, Niagara, and to extend outwards from shore, for a distance of four miles; within the prescribed limits, amount to be.. 5:00.—

Will you be pleased to issue the forementioned licenses in favor of these Persons?—

I am with much respect.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John H. Hall
Deputy Clerk

J. A. Macdonald Esq.
Attorney Gen: of Canada
Ottawa!.

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 29. January 1884.

Sir.

I beg most respectfully to apply to you for a Lease to fish in Lot No 120. upon the Niagara River, between Navy Island and the Township of Niagara, for the current year.

And I recommend that you make the pleasure to grant the same to George Wagner of Niagara. the Rent at the rate of $ 15.00.

One plan and the protection clauses thereon.

And with due respect.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. H. W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

S. B. Burnham Esq
Acting Com of Crown
Office.

Niagara Falls Jan 29th 1884

Dear Friends!

I thank you for your kind letter which I received to day, for which amount, it is quite right, there is due to you, I am sorry that I cannot send you more money at present, but will do so shortly. I am very busy at present, and have not time to write more.

Yours truly,

Thos. Kelly.

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
24th January 1884.—

Mydear Stearns!.—

I send your returns herewith!. please sign your Name at the Top and bottom! write on the face of the face of the Returns!!. Also sign your Name down the west Tailing Counter; on back of each Return! Send the return, I have marked: Due; in upper left Corner to the department after you sign in the three different places I have pointed out to you... I am not back to work for you a moment and complete returns... When getting up the year returns, I will give you a Lecture on the Subject.. Keep the return for yourself. I have families on Lands, Effice dept. "Under Sheriff"—

It is utterly impossible for me, to come up and meet you at Port Dover! until after my return from Wellington... It is not necessary for you to write a report.. The return signed by you with title of Office in the Taxation department is all. And with Kind regards as ever! believe me! Yours Sincerely—

John W. Kerr—
Tailing Counter—

Sheriff's Office
Tailing Counter—
Port Dover.—

P.S. — After you sign, place the return in Office Envelope and up into Post office as usual!!..—

J.W.K.—
P.S.

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 10th m. January 1884.

Sir.—

I have much pleasure again, on the termination of the year 1883, in submitting for your information and consideration my report of the value of boats, Nets, &c. together with the yield and market value of fish caught in the waters of Hamilton Division extending from Whitby Harbour; on Lake Ontario; to the west side of Moulton Bay, in Lake Erie.—

The catch may be summarized as follows!.—

1.	From Whitby Harbour, to Oshawa,	2,292.	Kanels,	18.302.—
2.	From Oshawa to Whitby!	605.	—"	5.522..
3.	From Whitby, to Lucanton Heights,	1120.	—"	10.482..
4.	From Lucanton Heights, to Moulton Bay.	721.	—"	8.562.
	Total for year 1883,			42.868.—
Deduct amount caught year ending 31st Dec: 1882.				39.923.¾
It made increase over last year of				$2964.¼

Cisco's, and Herring!.—

The increase this year, I attribute to the large catch of Cisco's at Oshawa in Lake Ontario; fishing being extensively, and successfully carried on there by Mr. Thomas Joyce, and boy, comprising Eleven Boats, &c.

The catch by the Fishermen, of Cisco's, and Herring on Burlington Beach, and Whitby, in Lake Ontario, was also on the increase over previous year.

Salmon Trout, and White Fish.—

The catch of fish under this head, was almost

S. O. Bennet Esq.
Actg Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!.—

a failure as compared with previous years.—

The falling off is attributed to many causes! still my humble and candid opinion is! that there is a superfluous abundance of these fishes in Lake Ontario. The Millions of fry placed therein, surely have not been all gobbled up by the other fishes.—

The first and chief cause as you may please the cause is! that the material: (Vide note. K.) used in fishing for them during the year 1884— was trifling as compared with abundance of gill nets. K. fishes for them during previous and past years.—

Steamers coming down Niagara River from Black Rock, and Steamers gets coupled in by American fishermen, at Youngstown U.S. would have a damaging effect!— but this I am now happy to report has been stopped!.—

I may also report on this cause! that White fish, did not approach the shore, nor come on to the fishing grounds during last season; as they had invariably done during previous years.—

The fact which induces the White fish to approach the shores of Lake Ontario Hamilton Division during seasons of the large multitudes of Herrings, and Siscos! that took up their position on these fishing grounds, the White fish; there is no doubt changes their customary annual route, for more profitable and congenial feeding grounds.—

Weighing and Grading.—

Now most important, as it always is, during the Fishing Season Burlington Bay, at Niagara, and Dunnville, in the Niagara River; and in my division of Lake Erie! as per my statistic returns herewith.

I would however now most respectfully recommend that Trolling for Pike in Burlington Bay, during the Summer months be in future discontinued. —

Pike! when caught in Hot weather do not command, the price they do! when caught, and sold in cold weather!. Pike! caught by spearing during the present cold snap, and during spring with gill nets, will sell for 5 ℔. per pound; in summer, when gluts who make a business of it, sell their catch, at 2 ℔ per pound! sometimes for less! Pike are not good food in Summer! please order it, to be discontinued in Burlington Bay during Summer. —

Bass. —

Are excellent fish, and at all seasons command a good paying profitable price. — —

Sturgeon. —

At the the town of Saugeen, Sturgeon were caught during last year, at 5. 6. and 7 ℔. per pound: retailed on the Train, for Buffalo. —

Fish with 11 & 12 inches mesh, submitted over; and gillets deep; during the past year, took the place of Herring and Trout, at Saugeen, for catching Sturgeon. — It has proved a profitable undertaking for some of our Saugeen fishermen. — —

It has been again, and again remarked to me by our fishermen, who are posted in such fishing matters, that any place in Lake Erie, frequented by Sturgeon, will fish, at once abandon that locality. —

The Sturgeon I ordered in my Returns, were all caught in American waters, but landed in the Town

of Niagara, and shipped to Buffalo.--

Salmon Trout and White fish fry.—

I am satisfied from my own personal observation, and Knowledge! that the Fish Hatchery at Newcastle, and Sandwich is a Grand success; and the Eggs, while in the state of incubation are most carefully attended to; until the fry are hatched out.—

I have also discovered how careful study in raising the fish for market, more care and attention is necessary, in future! and should be bestowed on the fry.--

To be successful in increasing our valuable fishes, much care and attention should in future be paid in the transportation of the fry from the Hatcheries.—

When the fry arrive at their destination, after a long tiresome Railway Journey;- they should be allowed a few hours rest, and be handled gently when being planted.—

And if possible in every case: the fry should be carefully planted on the same description of bottom in our Lakes! that the parent fish were caught on during the "Close season" when the Eggs and Milt was impressed from the fish, and impregnated! adhere to this simple rule, follow nature more closely; and consistently, and success is the inevitable.—

I have communicated the ministers order of 2nd of January; instant. to the Fishermen of my division! that fish nets, for catching Salmon Trout and White fish; shall have meshes of at least 5½ inch meshes, extension measure... It has been in the past observed; and shall be strictly enforced if it becomes necessary in the future.—

The Salmon. — —

A few Parent salmon made their appearance, at the usual time last fall, on the spawning beds, in Duffins Creek; and they spawned there. —

Mr. William Hallowell, Fishery Overseer, Highland Creek, by my advice and directions protected them during the spawning season. —

It has been reported to me, that Thomas Mansfield, who fishes a Gill Net in Lake Ontario, at Frenchman's Bay, under license last year, caught Salmon out of season. — As soon as I have time I will enquire into it, and if I find he has done so, I will fine him. —

The London, England, Fish Exhibition. 1883.

I am much pleased at the success of Canada, at this Exhibition. I have however yet to learn if Sunlight Soap Cases, furnished by me to Mr. Samuel Wilson, the Commissioner there, from the Dominion obtained the prize of a gold medal.

Fish Breeding at Notch of Niagara.

I have again the honor to draw your attention to the advisability of establishing a Fish Hatchery at the Town of Niagara. —

It is locally situated on the Niagara River, at the head of Navigation on Lake Ontario, and could be successfully carried on there on a moderate scale; as fish of each and every species in season. — I have again the honor to recommend through you, this matter most respectfully.

Etc

for the Ministers consideration. —

I am at this present time I have in my possession a Petition, from last years Mayor, and Council on this important subject from Niagara! —

I am happy to tell you I have nothing at present to complain of! as every thing connected with the Fisheries and Fishermen of my division goes smoothly along. —

With due respect. — And Respectfully Submitted.

I Have the Honor to be! —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer. —

Hamilton Division. —

Hamilton Ont.
25th January 1854.

Sir. —

I am most reluctantly compelled from the frequent, that I have to make, to bring before your notice, the Fisheries department, and more particularly the conduct of the Fishermen of the Niagara River, and Lake Ontario, which I am sorry to say, is not at present, what it ought to be. —

I have frequently written to you, and made complaints, to the Inspector of Fisheries, but I have not received any answer, or any notice taken of my complaints, by the Department, which leads me to suppose, that my complaints are not attended to. —

I have frequently made complaints, to the Inspector of Fisheries, that the Fishermen, were in the habit of using Gill Nets, of a smaller mesh, than the Law allows, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on Sunday, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Salmon Trout, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the White Fish, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Salmon, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Trout, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Pickerel, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Bass, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Perch, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Sturgeon, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Eel, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Herring, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Shad, which is contrary to the Law, and that they were in the habit of fishing, with their nets, on the Spawning grounds, of the Whitef

Mrs. M. B. Grant.
Grant's Office.

I was forgotten / enquire on Saturday last, when I called at your house, how to find you but left him. —

Whence arrive you to this enquiry is no friend of yours over your husband.

My advice to you is / return Home, as soon as you receive this / and leave your poor Husband any longer desolate and in misery. — I take this if I could find out where you were, I would forward on you to return home; I advise you as a friend to return home at once. I am sure you get along with. with your — I will be in Church, some day next week, and by sending me your address, I can find you. —

Yours E.
Hutchison —

Hamilton, Ont. /
6. Feb: 1874.

able to commence fishing here. —

Henry Addison Morgan, Shedden P. O.
— my dear girl you may rely / with long
your fears at this season of the year. —

I hope you will all see your way —
this matter. —

We have had very bad weather up here,
it commenced on Thursday evening after I got
home; and it continued on since up to
last evening. — Do likely me a letter
at once, and let me know from you the
result: — And with my Kind regards to
you and all / Believe me. —

Yours truly. —
H. A. Morgan —

Mrs. Albert Ruttle. —
Dickson.
Niagara Falls.

If you do me the favor to write me / you will please
[illegible] with [illegible]

Mrs. Jane Lewis,
Niagara.

If you have time to spare write me a few lines of the news apples.—

You might step in, and see Big Jim, that he is living. I wonder who he is courting? It has been snowing and stormy here for the last week.. the 5 days I was at Hamilton, was more than the big.. I got my report away to my successful up for last year!.. I telegraphed you a note on yesterday, as I promised, and I sent you 2.

Kinsey remembers me to Mrs. Lewis, your mother and the children.—

Yours. H.—

Hamilton, Ont.
27 January 1874.

Dear Mary Lewis.

I received your letter from Niagara Falls. I am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am sorry that you have had a cold. I hope you will soon get better. I am glad that you have been to see the Falls. I should like to see them too. I am sorry that I cannot come to see you. I am busy with my studies. I am learning to play the piano. I can play a few tunes. I am also learning to sing. I have a good voice. I am glad that you have been to see the Falls. I should like to see them too. I am sorry that I cannot come to see you. I am busy with my studies. I am learning to play the piano. I can play a few tunes. I am also learning to sing. I have a good voice.

Dear!..

Hamilton Palace,
22 January 1856.

My dear Thomas!..

I finished up my letter and myself yesterday: and I sent the letter to you this morning.. I have also written to Mr Thomas. Davis Strop. Augustus Thomas his return. I sent them to him yesterday for his signature. you may expect them from him in a day or two. —

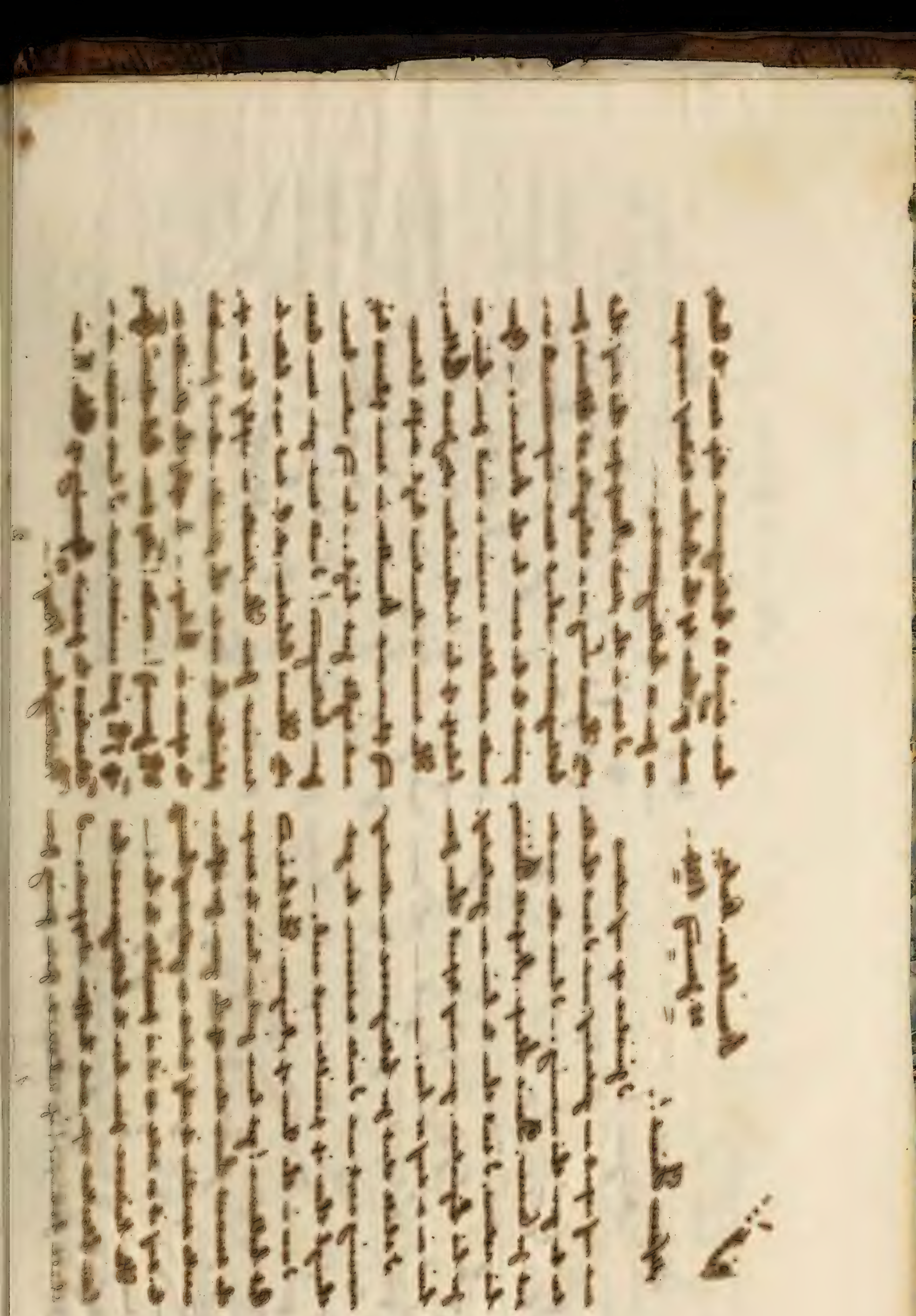
I shall start for Ballingarra on Monday morning next: and I will endeavour to get through there if possible next week. —

I was in the Town of Sligo. The Lord Lieutenant got home just in time to escape the severest thunder storm of the year. It commenced exactly at half past one yesterday and continued to rage as it is possible to be. —

The Railway from here to Ballingarra has been blocked up, with the snow drifts. I was however! if obliged to go there from Sligo to Ballingarra skip over to Claremorris by the Midland railway and go on to Ballingarra...

I am in the same Mansion this day. the Mr Thomas Long is a delightful old Gentleman, whose conversation is quite to be compared to the Duchess. — He will endeavour to visit you here in Hamilton, at Holyhead of his hotel in Dublin my dear Thomas.

The moon is shining bright, which I am glad for Mr Hamilton as some glimmer of light just light... for my return home from Ballingarra! I will have you some time my dear Thomas Hamilton, that I sent me a letter to receive from Mr Hamilton in reply to one of which he wrote the Duchess. about purchasing upon a Railway. — In reply the Duchess of Hamilton! — writes! My dear Thomas Hamilton I will give you answer and I have written to Hamilton to purchase Shares to the amount of £5. in Ballingarra Bay. —



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Dublin 16th
1871

Professor Kinnear, —

When I saw you at Ballybrack house on Thursday last the 15th instant you told me you had received from the Postmaster and Mr. Peter Hoey — of Killarney — a statement shewing the quantity of fish caught in the Pound Nets in which you were interested, set at Killarney, Lough Leith, and Ross Channel, situate in Lough Leane. —

Will you be pleased to let me know how many Pound Nets you fished: the length of Lines in them of each, the depth or depths of the Nets — and the district where each Pound Net, including the Lines, the Nets and Stakes. — The value of the same. The number of Nets there for each Pound and the value of the same. — Expenses incurred for setting out each Pound and number of men employed in doing the same. / Specifying them.

Also please state how often you visited the Pounds with the Boat and during the fishing season, how many days in each week you fished, and the quantity of fish caught by them and the number of days the nets were set and fished. —

How the fish caught were respectively disposed of. Also

——— Pounds or fractions of Pounds fish fresh
——— Half Pounds — fractions of — do. do.
——— Pounds — half Pounds of fish to Gentlemen
——— & Fish. —
——— Pounds of Fish — to Poor fresh. —
——— Pounds of Fish to Poor Cured. —
——— Half Pounds of Fish — to Pounds
——— & Half Pounds of Fish caught and sold. —
——— Pounds of Herring — sold fresh and
——— & Pounds Herring & sold Cured. —

Please let me know as the days, as near as possible, and as accurately as you can make them out. — Also let me know the Number of Boats and Men kept by you — how many with the Boat, and during the fishing season how many days in Killarney, or —

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Hamilton, Ont.
9th February 1880.

My dear Smith,—

Your letter received by me in due time: and I now send you the Cheese as requested!! You will please send me 4/5 more.——

I was sorry to see last week up at Collingwood and very busy writing as I came back.—

With Kind regards,—

Yours truly,

J. Hill Wilkes.—

John A. Smith Esqre Dairy Commr.
Provision & Tea Store Hamilton.—
Post Collburne.—
Ont.

P. S. Any person else picking but you. Send who are they. please answer!

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Hamilton Ont. Dairy Commr.

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J. H. Wilkes Jno.

Fishery Overseers Office...
Hamilton, 4th. February 1884..

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: , for the sum of One Hundred, and nineteen dollars.- This amount I collected dur=ing the past week, from the under named fishermen residents of Collingwood, Meaford and Toronto! as Boat license fees, for year 1883.- They fished in the Georgian Bay.- Viz:-

1.	Allan Clark	1. Boat.	Collingwood.	$15.00
2.	Sam: Carson,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
3.	Herbert Chetwood,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
4.	Archd. Carmichael,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
5.	Charles Duffy.	5. Boats.	do.,	" 25.00
6.	Alex. Fisher.	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
7.	Jesse W. Hodgins,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
8.	David Malcolm,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
9.	Frank H. Miller,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
10.	John McKay.	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
11.	Dan. McDonald,	1. Boat.	Meaford.,	" 5.00
12.	James McDonald,	1. Boat.	do,	" 5.00
13.	George Paul.	1. Boat.	Collingwood.,	" 5.00
14.	Wm. Story.	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
15.	Wm. Seaman.	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
16.	Mathew Walton,	1. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00
17.	D. W. Port.	1. B. Boat.	do.,	" 5.00

Add! Spearing licenses in Georgian Bay.- for 1884.- issued, at Collingwood. Dep! up to 14th April next!

Thos: W. L. Bowen,	"	1.00
" Manning Brown.,	"	1.00
" John Lamb.,	"	1.00
" Jacob Thomas.,	"	1.00
Total	$	119.00

see over!-

I recommend that you will be pleased to send me Boat licenses, for 17 persons herein named for to fish in Georgian Bay, except in that portion of it, leased to the Messrs. J. and C. Stoble, &c.

This license is to be for year 1883. — I will countersign and deliver them with your permission. —

As per Mr. 2. in your instructions to me of the 17th September last, I have taken the reduced rate of $5. per boat from each. — But where some of the fishermen named herein fished in Patton's division, and fished in Millers division, Miller, charged and collected $5. and I charged and collected $5, also.

I would advise, and recommend that licenses fees be all collected, as far as possible in future, every spring, and be issued to every fisherman, before he leaves home for the fishing grounds. — —

Messrs. D. W. Port, and W. A. Clark, fish dealers, with whom I conversed on this subject, will in that case, advance the license fees, for the fishermen, who fish for them. — — I have neglected to write you about, I shall see you in due course of time. — I have not been able during this trip to collect all license fees due; I shall have to go up there again: and if I can't collect the money, I will take Notes of hand from each fisherman, for the amount due, provided you approve of my doing so. — Respectfully submitted.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
Thos. Wilkinson
Fishery Overseer.

L. O. Armstrong Esq.
Acting Com. of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

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Fisheries Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 4th February 1884.

Sir.—

I your Memorandum of Licenses issued in Overseer Patton's division, for year 1883,—and amounts collected thereon,' I find the names of Clark, Wilson, and Kenny Bay.—

Wm!	40.00.	
"	40.00.	Amount not remitted
"	40.00.	

In reference to this: plse W. A. Clark, says he got from James Patton, Esqr, only ten cents in cash, on the 10th of June last for licenses for two years; although Patton then estimated to him 3 Pounds of Net licenses.— known that licenses are not countersigned by Patton! I have at present 2 of them in my possession.—

Clark says 2 Nets were fished in Simpson's Bay, at the mouth of the Bottawauga River during the year 1883.— That he had 3 Nets fishing there; but having got license for the previous year 1882. Viz. for license to fish four Nets.— was having fished only one Net! Patton also knew this to fish the 3 Nets during year 1883, by paying the 3 Pds— for only two Nets, during the year 1882— Clark says he had only two Nets fishing at a time.— Respectfully submitted.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.—
Overseer.—

S. O. Department
Marine & Fisheries.
Ottawa!

Public Notice.

All persons Spearing Pike. Bass. and Herring in Dundas Marsh. and Burlington Bay, are hereby notified, that Spearing Licence fees of One dollar each, shall be paid to me by Saturday next the 9th Instant. —

By Order. —

Hamilton. Ont.
4th. February 1884.

J. Whitehead —
Fishery Overseer.

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By Order. —

Hamilton. Ont.
4th February 1884.

J. H. Whitehead —
Fishery Overseer

Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton. 4th February 1884.

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft, No: 299. for the sum of Sixteen dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Spearing license fees during this current year as follows: -

1.	Thomas Jones.	Saugeen.	"For a license to Spear Bass and Pike. Fr. in Burlington Bay. and Dundas Marsh. from 8th of January, until the 14th day of April 1884. - amount. - - -		$1.00
2.	Mark. Corey.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
3.	John Hayes.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
4.	Jonathan Corey.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
5.	John Dynes.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
6.	George Hall.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
7.	Henry Waterbury.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
8.	Alexander Rolls.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
9.	Donald Reid.	- Hamilton.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
10.	William Coyne.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
11.	Ramsay Wells.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
12.	James Pett.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
13.	Wm Hamilton.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
14.	John Smoke.	"Hamilton"	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
15.	Laurence Smith.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
16.	Thomas Lang.	- do.	- do.	- do.	- 1.00
				Total. - - -	$16.00

Respectfully Submitted. - -
I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer. —

S. O. Bunbury Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa. - - -

Private

S. O. Beaucharge Esqre
acting Com^r: Indians.
Ft. V. V.

My dear Sir —

Yours of 2^d instant, with copies of letters to Mr. McCarthy M. P. and J. & C. Stoles, said for which I warmly thank you, are received. They are to the purpose! — I saw poor Cattow, on thursday evening last about 4.30. p. m. on my return in a Cutter to the Globe Hotel, Collingwood! out to the Knees for I got in to the water out about 4 miles where I was getting a fishermans returns! "Cattow Samaratow, like, looked at me and passed by on the other side". — I never heard a fisherman regret him; they say he ought to have been dismissed long ago. —

I now wish to tell you something more about Owen Channel, on Georgian Bay side there is Kettle creek Harbour! just outside of which, two Pounds were set, and fished last year, and abundance of small white fish, caught in these 2 Pounds. —

So that it may be clearly understood, by both Indians, half breeds and Canadian fishermen! that no nets are to be fished in Owen Channel; please add the words "nor within 300 yards of the mouth, on each side, and on each end of said channel"!! Fishing by Indians may be permitted, they caught Trout in large quantities there last year, say from 50. to 200. Trout a day, averaging 8 pounds each, and sold to the Stoles for 15 ^p. a piece! — Indians fish not fished there extensively. — It would be a good thing to get out printed Notices, of prosecuting Indians, half breeds and fishermen on this head!. That is, if you approve of it. — The intention was to block it up with Pounds this year! same as the Indians was last year! —

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I am obliged to draw your attention to one thing that came under my notice yesterday? Something seems to have been wrong all along from the beginning... You will have to give an order immediately that all the Bonds granted or given this year for Salmon Trout and White fish, shall in every instance be sent in the Returns but when practicable the Bonds may be given for Richard and Sturgeon. — From present appearances and unpleasant state of things it will take some time to wind up Petticodiac division affairs.

The Petition (Copy) I sent you / Original. But take no Bonds in but what may be given by him to Mr Chubb, for P. Lockwood at Hampton. — The Fish caught, as far as I have observed will be anything to suit me excepted that was sent, unpalatable of any other body, and every thing else. — I am Gentlemen Yours at

Hampton, by appointment on last Friday. I impressed on him the necessity of erecting all fish weirs next spring, removing them and at the same time make every fisherman pay his license upon they start for the fishing grounds. — I must endeavour to see Henry Connor of Hillsboro on with view of forging him to induce him to observe and carry out same rule. If I happen to be entrusted on the spring. I shall see to it. — The official reports will tell you how matters stand. —

I got home here in good time, a regular blizzard here to day. — While away my time must not be valueless if I, for spring time, shall I officially and important on Petitcodiac Salmon we should not have more trouble to the protection and prosperity of the Fisheries. — Your very obedt. servt.

Dr. Wilmot

Fisheries Office
4. Feb: 1884.

Alfred Montgomery Esqre
Collingwood!

My dear Montgomery. –

I send you this day by Mail, Five Spearing licenses. – Viz:

1. Alfred Montgomery. Amount 1.00. paid!
Take this one yourself!.

2. William L. Brown. Amount 1.00.–
Please hand this to John Rowland Esqre

3. Manning Brown.– Amount $1.00
this Boy is 21/– please hand it to him.–

4. Jack Scarf.– Amount $1.00
Please hand it to him!.–

5. Jacob Thomas.– Amount $1.00
Please hand it to him. –

Will you be so good as to ascertain for me the Names of the persons spearing and the Names of all persons fishing fishing nets under the Ice! the number of gaffs

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fished by each person! and whether it is Herring or White fish you get.–

And as soon as you do this for me. I will write you what I want you to do for me! Your self other persons spearing extract /1– from each; send it to me, and I will send you their licenses. –

I sent the department on yesterday $119.– I collected at Penetanguishene, Collingwood, and Toronto.– I have Kept $5. of the $10.– I get your Fishing Commissioner, and will pay it back for him, or to him. –

I have applied to department Ottawa! for 17. licenses. for to cover $115. And license you for your 1868.–

I give Mr. Ed. A. Clark. your Boss! your self! Mr. 13. Boats! all over!!. besides his Tug! see then Boats must be seen for!.– I have asked permission from the department for to take Notes of bank payable on 1st June next from these fishermen,

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who was not able to pay me a great deal.

And before the fishermen leave Halifax, in spring, for their fishing grounds, they have to pay their license fees for year 1884. I will be there and have such his license! so as to prevent the fees for the future. - I shall do every thing within my power for the happiness of foreign Bay fishermen! - so that they and I may get on harmoniously together. -

Show this letter to Mr. W. A. Black and the rest at the same time. I have had 3 letters since I got home about foreign Bay fishing. Robin's business. E— and I know all that happens when B— was introduced to the Minister and members last with all his pictures. E. had 10 cases on [illegible] to make out for Black. —

This business looks very Black to E. as soon as I get my affairs up I may go to Ottawa. I will come up and see

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you as soon as —

My fares for Black & Brooks fishing — $15. for the 2 Bank fishermen to Lot out — fares of little girl gets out and cost me a dozen or 2 — Big fare. —

Please see him about $ and let him or him know and to the agent Bank one days shooting. Your photos got all in a bag and express them to me & with fancy charges. —

Love — and kisses. Kind remembrance to all of yours. Love with your remembrance and with warm regards to you all & a right Merry Holiday. Best wishes — the fishermen join in with these wishes and the kisses. — Believe me — Your friend —

John W. Kerr

Fishing Commr.

Hamilton Ontario
5th Feb: 1884.

Hamilton Co.ty
6. February 1864.

Hamilton Co.

Mr. Frank C.o February 1864.

Yours received in due course, and I pass the $14. enclosed for you into Mr. Rogers Office. to Mr. Clark his partner. — This done I got the receipt many for his Keeping! but at present I cannot give it. —

In looking over my papers to day, I found the receipt for your Twelve dollars, interest — 30th December 1862. — I have been very busy, and many all last week! hence why I have not replied to your letter sooner. I was at Port Byron, sometime ago when I saw your friend Mr. W. H. Alexander; who requested me to make a proposition about Anna that girl. my last year at Long Point. —

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Shu I succeeded in accomplishing with the worthy Landlady of the Temperance Company. — John I. Hutchings Esq. Mr. Alexander! when he made the proposition to me! said if you succeed I will pay the Interest on Hutchs mortgage; and I will send the money to you to pay it for him. I received a Port Byron letter dated 16th January last. for $12. from Mr. Alexander; to pay the interest for you! and as you have paid interest $14. yourself. I am sorry I sent Mr. Alexander's order for $12. — I have got my Port Byron letter for you for 12. which I keep until you! it is for you — just as Mr. Alexander stated it should be. — with Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson. H. Brown. believe me as ever! — Your Sincere friend! — Mr. Frank Jackson. J. C. Hutchings.

Jackson St. Port Hamilton Madison Co. N.Y.

Duplicate

Hamilton Ont.
6th February 1884.

Gentlemen!—

A copy of your letter addressed to The Hon. The Minister, Ottawa, dated Killarney, January 7th 1884 has been sent to me!— With regard to your 4½" inch mesh gill nets on hand, amounting to the value of $2.200. I see no objection whatever in allowing you to sell them during this present year 1884, because I believe it is no fault of yours for to have these 4½" inch mesh gill nets on hand, hence there is only the small difference of ½ between the regulation 5" inch mesh, and the size you refer to in your letter.—

However, Gentlemen, this I cannot decide, and I have been appointed to wind up the business of his late division.— Hence the reason why I now address you.—

And with Kind regards.—

Believe me! Gentlemen!—

Yours obedient Servant.—

J. H. McKee.—

Fishery Engineer.—

The

Hon. James C. Aikins.—

Minister of Inland Revenue.—

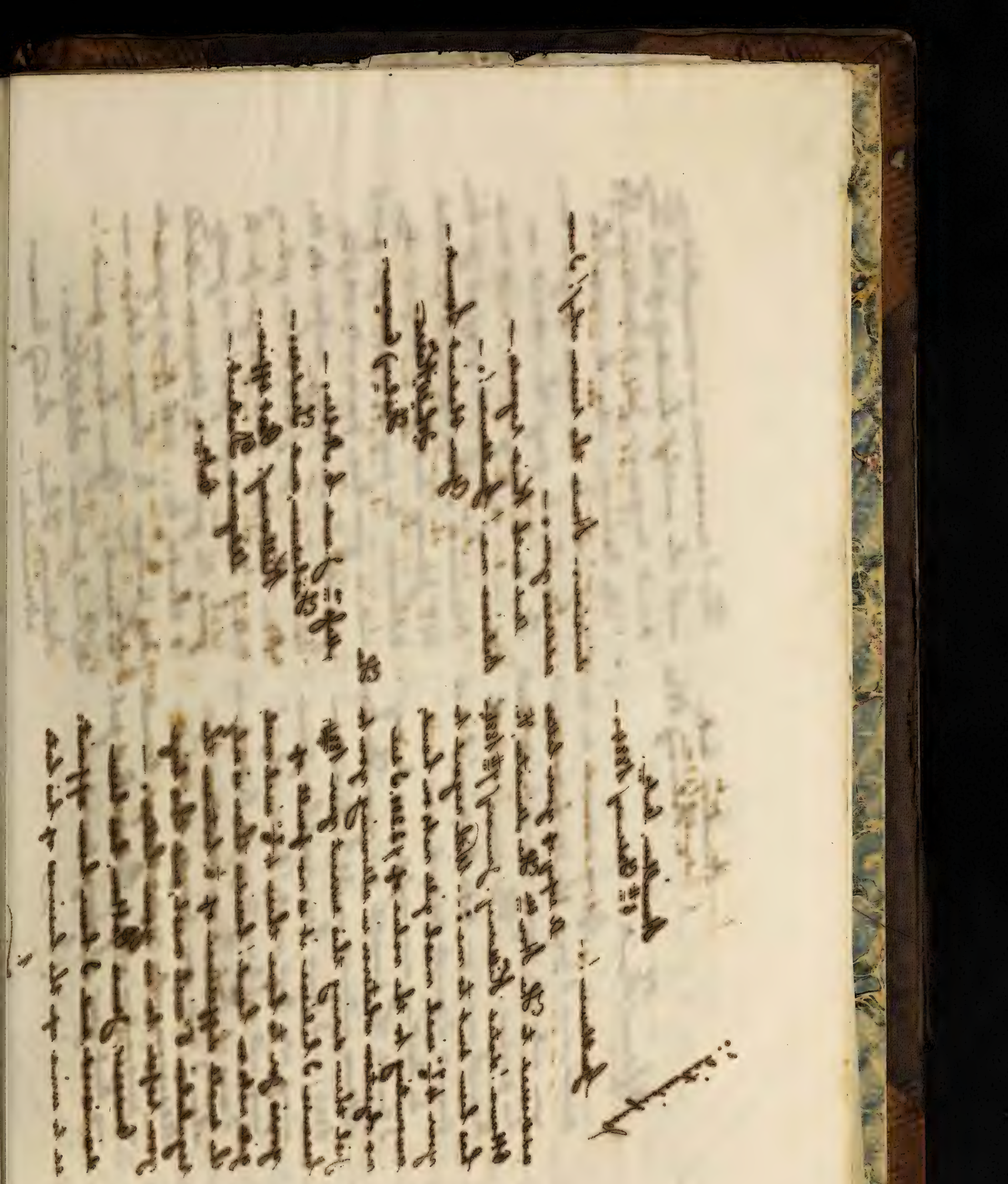
Ottawa.

Killarney Post office.—

Algoma District.—

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Hamilton, Colo.
6 February 1894.—

Jackson.

Also you be pleased to see me have as soon as convenient the number of Bank, and the value of each Bank Gold by you:— for you! by Indian Bag Bank and Number (White) Gold, during the year 1893— in Foreign Exp.— your Bank Gold! in the part of Foreign Exp. Like Bank— Number!. Giving me The number of fine white Gold in each Bank! the number of Grains in each nut.—

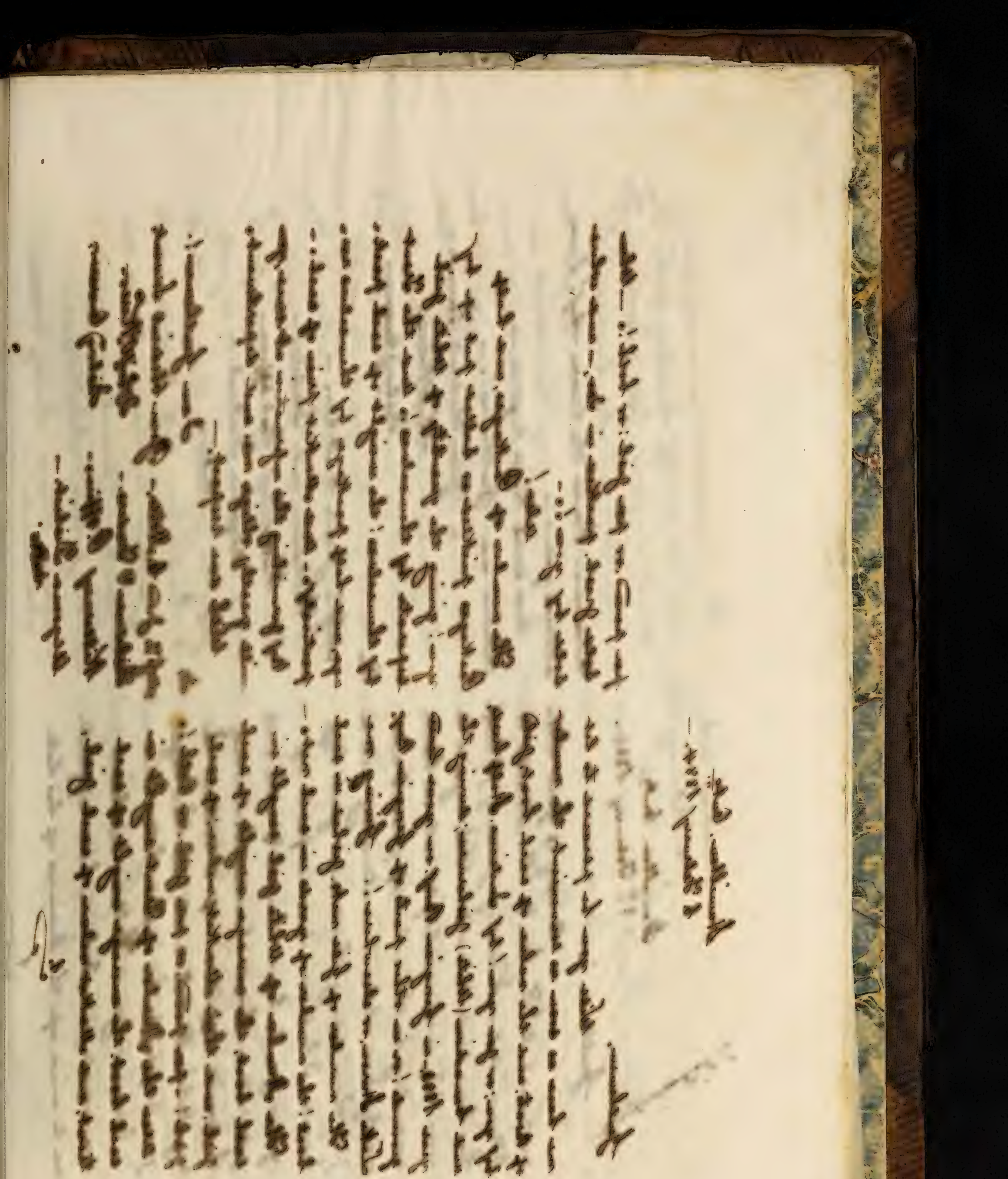
The Number of White Gold weight in each Bank, the average weight of each Gold, and their Number, value of each Gold!— for Gold! or for Gold! or Bank!. also the Number of Bank weight in each Bank, the average weight of each Bank, and Market value of each Gold, for Gold! or for Gold! or Bank!. also the Number of Packages, and Bag Packages Gold! or Bank! Gold by you!.—

also!

The number of Packages, and Bag Packages Gold! or Bank Gold put up by you— giving the quality of White Gold Exports by Number!. and the Bank by Number! the weight of each Package, and Bag Packages by Number and Packages.— and Market price of each.— by furnishing this Office as soon as possible, as early as may be convenient. Will an Report.—

Yours Faithfully!

[illegible] Yours Obedient Servant
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Sheriffs Office
6 February 1814.-

Gentlemen!-

You are to be pleased to let me know as soon as convenient, the number Persons who have paid you during the year 1813,- giving the names of the respective places in Georgetown, where such persons are paid!- The amount of Fines you have received by you altogether of £40. for persons during last year, and if you have received fees of £40.- for Fines, you are not paid, giving me your reasons for not paying them!.-

Inform me of the length of the time, in days of each Person paid by you; the names of such Jail: keep of the Jail; Number of Jailers or men employed each Person, their names each, and the wages of such persons! and expenses incurred in going from the Jail to Georgetown & returning back.-

The number of your Constables!- And the number and names of such Persons employed in connection with the King Jail out of such persons; stating them to Kitsmouth. The number of men employed in guarding this Person.-

You are to be pleased to furnish me with a correct return of all the Civil and Criminal Cases brought by such persons and by whom such cases, & how for found.-

Also the quality of Liquors & how brought in such persons out, when sold, and how for persons sold at.-

Also quality of Grain, how & from whom bought in such persons &c.- Keeping such expenses by themselves! Number of Horses also sold: and of the Grain was taken from.- & where one part of - Whether taken in that case!- And one more about the Tax of men!- When you be pleased to send

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H. D. Lawson Esqre
Treas. U. W. F.
Killarney. Post office. —
Algoma District
Ont^o

Dear Sir

Will you be pleased to let me have as soon as convenient, the number of Boats, and the value of each Boat fished by you, or for you! by Indians, half breeds, and Canadian (white) fishermen, during the year 1883, in Georgian Bay, or in Lake Huron. —

The number of fine nets fished in each Boat, with the number of yards in each fine net. — Also please give me same time!

The number of White fish, caught in each boat, the average weight of each fish, & the Market price or value of each fish, per piece, or per fish, or bulk: —

Also the number of Trout caught in each boat, average weight of each trout, & the Market value of each fish, per piece, or per fish, or bulk; Also sales per pack. packages in lbs; and values sold by you: —

Also the quantity of any other Kind of fish caught and sold, such as pickerel by Canadians. —

Also!

The number of Packages, and half packages; pickled or salted, put up by you, giving the quality of White fish, as packed by Canadians!

And the Count by Canadians! the weight of each package or ½ package by Canadians; and the Market price of each! how many sold; and Market remaining on hand! — ! when sold! & Also! —

I wish thank you to obtain for me, a similar return from the non-resident fishermen, and send same to me, with your own returns! &

1. The Indians keep boat. &
2. Keeps. The Indian? —
3. Keeps. the gather. per — salted

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P.S.

Hamilton Coll.
9th February 1824.—

My dear Sir.—

I deeply regretted at hearing of the death of your daughter: you have my best sympathies for your great loss in your bereavement.—May she be happy!—

I owe you three Dollars towards paying for the Portfolio. Pray do me the favor to send me a bill therefor.

I have 240 grass hay — 800 grass of Chinese Potatoes, growing this present year of 1824.—

You owe me for Dinner, Supper, Breakfast & Horse keeping, &c. &c. &c.

Hamilton Feby.
7th 1846.

My dear Mother!

I write you a few lines
hoping they will find you well, as
this leaves me at present. I
received a letter from Father
last week, stating that he
was coming down to get me
home, but I have not seen him
yet. I am very busy studying
at present, as I have to go
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in March next, and I am
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Hamilton Feby
7th February 1844.

Dear Sir

I have the opinion of the Hon. the Minister of Finance & Receiver of the Income of my Income from Estates situate in Ireland & I enclose you the Letter & Cheque for £115. 0. 0 being the Amount of my Income Tax for the year 1843. Also you to please to send me a Receipt for the same & oblige

Yours truly

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to enclose the Letter of your Agent & Cheque for £115. 0. 0 being the Amount of your

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of Kingston.

Sir,

I reply to your letter of 8th Instant the Minister desires me to state that, John Gemmell license to fish with fishe gill-nets in Ashbridge's Bay expires on the 20th Instant, and that in accordance with the wish expressed by Members of the City Corporation of Toronto, it will not be renewed.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedt Servt

S.H. Bunnett

for the Hon. Minister of Marine & Fisheries

H. J. H. Williams, Esq.,

City Solicitor's Office,

Toronto.

Newton Lodge
7th Feb: 1824 —

My own Liz —

Yours of 5th struck just as
mine — I am glad you received mine
the night — I am at Cambridge
[illegible] Long in my last week
I must go home — Saturday evening last.
Sweet Liz, it appears to me like as
being to the House of Lords !! —

I wish I was under I could give you
a great kiss upstairs !! — I suppose
the bank in the street is as now
— 16 feet wide !! —

You write [illegible] for my Sweet
Liz and [illegible] I am [illegible]
the 10 of the Letters as [illegible] this
[illegible] your [illegible] —

Liz is the time ! as by — long night
is the same as the time — [illegible]
we [illegible] same as in the

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as [illegible] Dr Thompson [illegible] as
the bank — if this was as wide as the
[illegible] as in the Lake — I am [illegible]
to the [illegible] I almost [illegible] 1/16 [illegible]
year 1824 as [illegible] —

Keep out as [illegible] I suppose this is
as of Tides as Pontoon Bridge — [illegible]
you the expedient as Ostend and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] !! —

What the report that expedient at
Ostend was going to stop as [illegible]
the Lower Rooms as as steps as [illegible]
chair ! pray as attention to [illegible]
[illegible] ; Ostend really as to appear as
[illegible] the people [illegible] as [illegible]
up to 11 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible] of [illegible] the people as
[illegible] with you — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible] Liz [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
7th February 1849.

My own Helen,—

As I told you in my last letter, I am very busy at present: I have not even time to write to you: so you will see:— It appears from what you told me in the 15th October last, that you had received only Eight Sovereigns of those I sent, — But it is in your division! You have on that Account, during your visit, — which is in my Sovereign Queen's division of the Province, you will have to pay me 5 Sovereigns more. — Now again to Mrs. Ellis's Establishment. Mrs. Ellis is one of the Trustees of the Victoria Establishment. Mrs. Ellis is one of the Trustees of the Toronto Establishment. — —

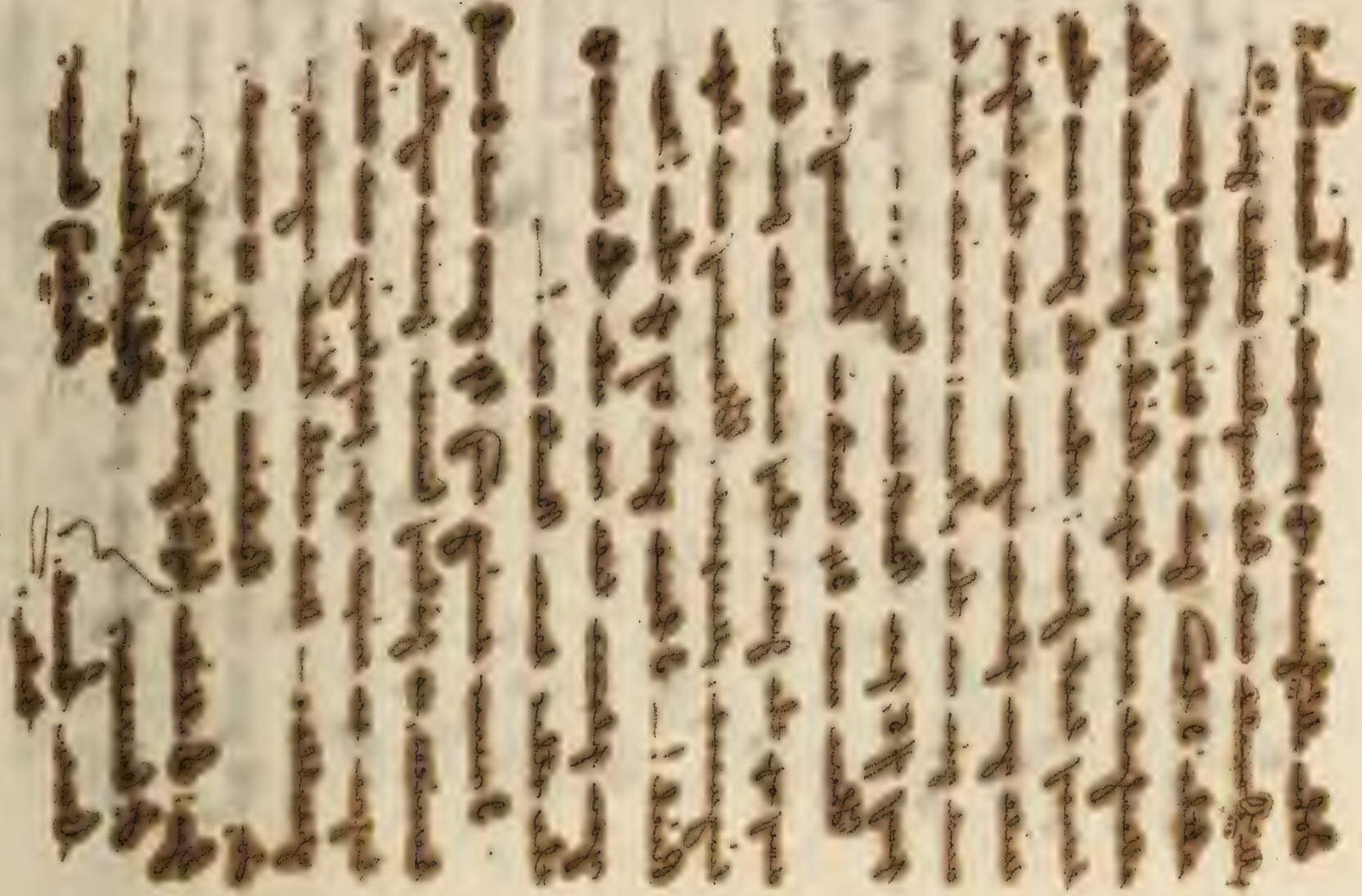
I understand you to tell me, you will pay for the Tuition and Returns for 1848, instead of 1847, — Number of Note Books

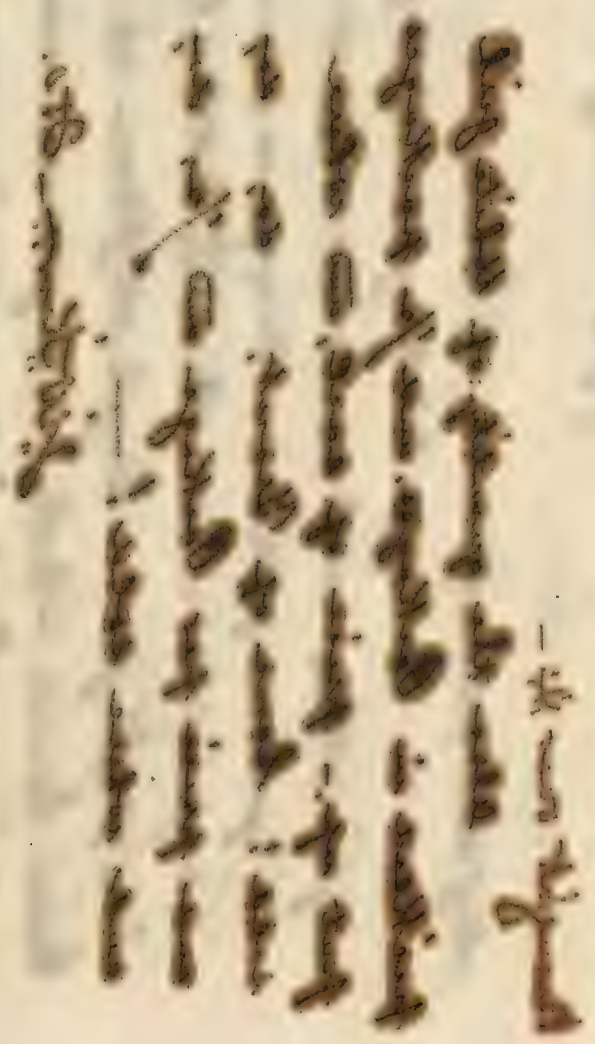
taught in your Establishment, and their values: — also the quantity of Music Books, the Toronto Establishment ought to have each, the charge might be Eight Pounds per Pupil, or per Annum: — Also the number of Books ought to be, in each of the different Classes: — Also any other Kind of Pupil ought to have, and their Books, giving quality by Library separately: — and their values also, and price of each, respectively. —

Now I shall be up to Mrs. Ellis's, with them the Invoices: and if there are any Pupils there you have taught, who pleases to — Toronto Establishment, Mrs. Ellis's Establishment; please inform me! —

By course if you have written their Names in your annual Returns, I shall pay for your said Books when I am there for expedition.

I have only got Robert's Letter, and the Miniature. You hope Eliza, and





Miss Alexander Davis —
— Mary Davis —
— Ellen Davis — one
— Andrew Davis,
Dickinson's
Collingwood Lodge.

Gentlemen!

I have been appointed by the Honble Minister of Militia, Ottawa, to wind up the business of my Cousin Jos: Ellis's division, Collingwood!—

Mr Ellis being dismissed!!.

I give you notice of my debt on the north shore of Georgian Bay, during the past year of 1873, and sold the gist sought by you in that locality, to Mr James Dickson, Wholesale,—

Your last time for you giving them, is only $5 per week for last year: instead of $10,- per week as given by A.H. Dennistoun during the year 1872, for giving us Dog Meat, — You are therefore bound to pay — for the privilege you enjoy $20. that is to say $5. per week.—

In raising your salaries of last year, you ought to pay for your Mr Thomas Davis I take him for Dinner you, when he comes on his visit $5 each to Mr Jos: Ellis, Cousin, Cousin, — of supply them: you will have to pay me $5. for each week of your stay! — But as Mr Thomas Davis, said he'd go back and tell you into Hamburg to have you fed there! — Thinking there might be something in that I will let the matter remain as it is, until I see my Sister, —

When she! I am sure, Sister at present, by appointment, as last Friday the 11th inst, when he intends me to meet in Hamburg, one week for, with only $ of your last giving, —

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his division. we shall be rewarded you
you if he leaves you. for some one you
you a receipt for some time you
some your dependent wives! --
Then about your £75 Bank. I am sure
it was his up at Bellingham, while
you [illegible] the other 3 Bank at Glendale?
Pay me £20. Leave you at once,
and I will send the money to the de-
partment: and get up your licence. for
filling in for you Pay. 11 Pay Sheet! --
My Letter having submitted a new simi-
lar to this of yours to the Victoria expert-
ment Letter saving the early part of last
year 1922.--
The Commissioner of Letter having sent
letter 20th April 1922 - explains that: --
his
which requires the A.R. Licence, in
Some cases new Mining activity the
Minister is with that a Licence, who has

your £5 the gift - the Grant might be a-
ttached to quality to gift in the letter by re-
fitting the first time we paying the new
which of being completed the letter to expi-
ration time of £20. -
You. S. Miller Esqre
Sidney Grant
Grant Lease. -
} Grant Lic. You Pay
£20 of Victoria
Lease of Victoria. -

It appears me pleasure to explain to you
Enquiries new Grant Pay Gold
anything that I know regarding new that
is to your advantage. - This is the new
position that you are. your letter 15 you Pay
after your £20. for Lease and I have that
Pay. - Instead as my mind this enough you
after Grant. the renewed Lease to the
year 1922. - Lease that you with your Grant
that under present circumstances: that is not
under after your that pay me £20 for Lease. -
Miller Esq
Victoria
12 May 1924
Grant. Enquiries. -
Miller. Victoria

Hamilton Ont.
8th February 1882.

My dear Nicholas.

I send by this days mail your license for 1882. Go to just two Races, on the Niagara River between Queens Road, near Jacob Smith's wharf in Willoughby.— I hope you will have great success this season. If you see any mistakes please let me know from you about them.— Also you be pleased to see Mr Peter S. Neville or his brother and tell them to send me license for this present year.

With kind regards to you for Self & Family and Friends.

Believe me Yours truly
J. H. McKee
Fishing Overseer
Hamilton Dist.

Nicholas Smith
Fisherman
Captain of [illegible]

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton. 9. February 1884.—

Sir—

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 828. for the sum of Thirteen dollars....

Also you be pleased to apply this amount. for Spearing licenses for to spear Bass. Pike and Herring in Dundas Marsh, and Burlington Bay. for up to the 14th inst April 1884.— viz:

1.	Robt McLeary.—	Hamilton.—	$1.00
2.	Jas: Phipps.—	do.—	1.00
3.	Hugh Wain.—	do.—	1.00
4.	William Ker, Jr.	do.—	1.00
5.	James Shenk.—	do.—	1.00
6.	Louis Shenk.—	do.—	1.00
7.	Lewis A Hyde.—	Burlington.—	1.00
8.	Wm Depew.—	do.—	1.00
9.	Denis Nash.—	do.	1.00
10.	Jas: Lottridge.	Saugeen.—	1.00
11.	James Sharpe.—	do.—	1.00
12.	Wm Yates.	Hamilton.	1.00
13.—	Geo Mitchell.	do.	1.00
		Total..	$13.00

which can suspect.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

S. A. Samuel Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Private!...

Memorandum for S. O. Smith Esq.
Asst Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!..

I see by Hamilton Spectator that Mr. O'Brien, M. P. has presented the Petition of Collingwood, Lake Huron and Lake Superior Fishermen to The House of Commons; asking for a privilege thereof at present, for this year at least enjoyed to all intents & purposes....

It was privately communicated to me, recently when at Penetanguishene that there were gill nets procured this year 1884, as 4½" mesh meat!. Fishermen supplying dealers 5½"

Leckie, dealer. Thinks very few Collingwood fishermen and another a dealer — fishes resident in Kingston: one supplying the Fishermen with another sizes but 4½" mesh gill nets!— D. M. Ch. wrote to me! when the fishermen up on the Lakes met together to use nothing but 4½" mesh meat!

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that then they would carry their point....

I must tell you it is these fish dealers that supply most fishermen with their material for fishing at commencement of each season; and [illegible] one fisherman! then furnished with material by the fish dealers: pay the dealers back during the season; by selling to them the fish at ½ of a price, 8½ of a price, for each fish: or ½ of the pound, caught!!... I will here give you one or two examples! Sam: Bacon, of Collingwood, owes the bank, dealer, last spring: $200. on his fishing gear, caught $1437.00 of fish during year 1883,— sold the fish to bank at ½ & ½ and ½ of a price! price of bank his $200.—

Bacon, had a new fishing gear this: this now got ¾ of $1437.— which was $359.25 for the ——; without any outlays!— leaving Bacon a balance of $1117.75 with the outlays to meet account $200.— paid to bank, and a balance of $317.75 remains for Bacon!. besides he has got — boat, gear, sprippers, worth $200.—

If fish nets, each not 600 yards long, buy:

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Surf: to 200 yards, worth 5s. per 100 yards,
exceeded with boats of £2400 p.a. –

Now this is the way the Dick matters as with the Rent fishermen: etc. remark: now from you to you! – I may have told you also: that last Jr B. Noble: succeeded last June: in driving the fishermen off this beach quarter of by agreement: they said it would: they were allowed to fish only twice each: they planned: –

Jorge Stokker V. J. A. Ramos: Esq. Surf & land, each share of Jorgim Bay: to yield 3. pounds each share, during last year 1892 to caught of them, each yield, during year 1893, – 2 shares: of Limeira since withdrawn Pattons division for year 1893, and accounts collected shares: to 3 pairs Jorge Stokker 46s. – Stokker, Ollie and pairs by Ollie: – Stokker, Ollie and, the Indians of Dr. for the other 2 pounds, yields during 1892 were given to J. A. Ramos – to Louis to Ollie! Ollie Ollie, or Ramos: but this y Dr. I am not yet prepared to say: – the reason I think you ought – to help J. A. Ramos)

you furnishing any more Pounds to J & C. Noble for Jorgim Bay – or any other place up there, unless the Rate is 5$ with much rate through. – Having spoken on these Pounds Rate. –

I thank you Kindly for copy of letters you sent me Kindly: on the Nobles: – they are to the purpose I have written to Nobles and other fishermen at Kilmarnock – for returns and dimes fees! – also to Union Bank – for fishing at Club Island: and to Cape Rich: and to Bankbook of Merchants. C. office: who fished a Bay and 2. Boats in Jorgim during year 1893. –

I am prepared to send you the result of about 40 Boats and Bays fished in 1893. in Jorgim Bay – but I am still waiting for certain balance of returns! – It is a mass of confusion: and in Pattons division! – However: I am under strength as the difficulties are surmounted then etc. – I did not have your copy of Pattons account this late, I hope you billing you! – Spawning is splendid in Jr. Bay. – I send you herewith the Jorgim Clubs last: it tells what they done

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Hamilton. Ont.o
13. Feb: 1834. —

Mr. James Bastard,
Fisherman. —
Niagara! —

Dear Sir. —

Many warm thanks for your promptness in obtaining from George Wagner of Youngstown. £15. licence fee. for to fish a Seine in the Niagara River. between Fields point, and Barries gulley. during this current year of 1834. —

Will you be pleased to tell Mr. Wagner's son. that I want £15. your licence fee. for fishing in the Niagara River. at the Tonawanda. &c. for this current year of 1834. — The licence fee for last year £15. paid for fishing there, expired on the 31st day of December last 1833. — please tell him this! —

So. after all the trouble I have gone to;

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paid £10. of my own money. in obtaining for you a licence for to fish in the Niagara River. between Donovan's wharf, and Kennedy's below, during this year 1834. — on the same terms, Mrs. Jane Scott has a licence of the same Seine having power for; and during this current year of 1834. only £10. licence fee also! — If that does not satisfy you: what not!.

You tell me Mr. Bastard says if he Jim. and have the same privilege the same fee. the fishing may go to Law! So far as I shall interfere the same connection with Seine fishery. — I am in the practice of no stoppage! I am not of the fishing business altogether! —

Mr. Scott, your friend and neighbour and Townsman! at this time in town, and he & I could not like, come passage, and passage for the 2 seines. — I suppose you understand this Deal! — Answer my letter your dependant. this year in! that

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Private!

Memorandum for S. O. Mowat Esqre
Acting Com^r of Fisheries. —
Ottawa!.

Your Memo: respecting O'Brien, M. P. — for Muskoka, wants a Committee to consider Dr. Orr's petition — composed of Dawson, Sproule, Cameron, Lister, Mr. Curby and mover; with power to send for persons, papers and records is received! —

I may tell you in reply to all this! that I was in Toronto on yesterday getting Chas Reburn! he tells me all the Fishermen of Georgian Bay, W. want in particular is to have the mesh reduced to 4¾" inch mesh and to grant no more Leases! and to cancel J. and C. Robbs, Lease! as soon as practicable, surely! the Minister and yourself can consider all this yourselves, arrange it accordingly, without putting the Country to expence!

see the remark of fine nets getting up this year, Orr told me is now 4¾" inch mesh; he even showed me an invoice of a large quantity of this size gill net, he bought and supplied Wm Bishop, and his (2) sons with just lately! and I am perfectly correct in telling you! every Fish dealer and Fisherman, are supplying themselves in a similar manner! —

So as to be even with these Fishermen. I would charge each Boat this year $15.00 Any Boat $25. please give note, size of mesh: issue six licenses: and have every fisherman pay his license! before he starts for his fishing grounds! — Any Boat, and Any Boat should be numbered! and the present state of demoralization get rid of during this season!. After a few years: fishermen will again have to measure the size of the mesh: as many fish are now as large, by

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must be ought with a difficult rest.—
Just possible of the Court, that we ought
now rest in the fair rate at etc:.
And the thing necessary to be done to
fix the number of Slots, the Juries in each
boat, are to be fixed by said Jay Court:.
and I certainly would refuse on whatsoever
as above known:.

I forgive Ray above little think, could
no less than it appear above answer for
self: fixed and before Court: — what a ab-
surdity!!. —

It is not necessary to name for a multitude
of jurisdictions, as I presume there on
this subject now in hand. —

Ah think, therefore possible, a few days
more your humble servant, with regards, in
consult among us how could be all af-
fairs!. I send it to be my duty to see you
tendering anything: straight forward: as this
letter contains: so that you may know upon
by: how little attention we pair to your

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order, or the Statutes from the premises etc.
now fix rate of Difficult rest. —

I pass as through my recent investigation! that
there is a great objection to a fair Difficult rest, for
why the rate are difficult rest. — This is not
done with the value we must to think the Jury
as it is to value to some the various articles
come in the midst of fishermen!. —

The fact is fishermen and merchant like
Ray Brown, — "Who else is rich in these
times!" I know not where the matter may go!
You will help us, and protect the right, from
a large Bay of Town — getting rid Rich, the
opposing fish, even about 6 pounds each; they
have been spoiled in foreign Bay, and now are
to be from Newfoundland. — I shall come to
my senses this week: as for me I have got
up then: when I receive Answer for Judgment for
that your pleasure: I write you then again me
finish up! then with much respect. —

Dear Sir Your Obedient Servant —

Hamilton Colby Delafield — Esq.
A. Tho: Hall

Mr. Thomas Mc
Killop Esquire —
Highland Creek. —

Mc Queen Kellock —

Your application for
licenses of the 11th instant, addressed to
The Honble The Minister, N. Ottawa!
has been sent to me for enquiries!! —
Will you be pleased to answer me
at once, by return mail, the following
questions, or supply me with following
information!!!.

1. Thomas Catherine, Pet Union Pickering! Give me Marks in yours of Trout
gills not. White fish gills not, one Herring gills
not. But if he has a one hair, the length
in yards, - do this above! His name is
not Louis! —

2. James Mackinaw, give his residence,
one Number of yards, — description of
fish. he must be fish, — Limits applies
when! — any do!.

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2. Thomas Mathieson, Lobster, etc in
yards, the quality of herring gills not, he a-
sine to fish in both lakes in yards of
Lobster net. — and if he wishes to fish
any other Kinds of nets! give quality &
4. William Clark, Toronto Island. —

Give the quantity of Trout gills nets in
yards, — Give time of last year!.

Give quantity of herring gills nets in
yards, — Give name of last year! —

Give the Marks of Lewis, and the
length of each in yards. — — — —
5. Philip Jones Jersey — Toronto Island, Ha
answer for the enquiry! —
6. Simon Martin, Toronto Island, O
ne answer for Martin! —
7. L. C. Hicks — The Number — What Kinds
of gills nets are the fish that gave,
and where? — What Kinds of nets does
Hicks! must a fish did you, and where?
give me quality in yards above!!.
we must not get in to enquiries!.

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Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 14th February 1884.

Sir.-

I have the honor to report and submit for the Honble The Ministers, and for your information, statistics of a portion only of the Collingwood division of Georgian Bay fisheries! to which you have appointed me to wind up the business of the same, and collect license fees! vice ex. Overseer James Patton, dismissed.-

Which you please find in that part of the said division I now send you Return for year 1883.-

The following Boats, fishing nets, and men was employed in active fishing during year ending 31st December 1883.- Thus!-

36, Men were employed fishing during the past year, in several places, as per detailed returns.-

36. Boats. N. were engaged fishing.- value,- #. 16.000.
563. Nets, containing 298.996. yards.= 54.363. Rods,
or 164 miles of gill nets,- worth!- 17.237.-
Total... #. 33.237.

These were ale fished in that portion of Georgian Bay, herewith returned; with three Pound Nets therein included!.-

The seventy six fishermen employed fishing caught as follows:-

" 3.166½. Barrels of White fish, at	#. 10. per. =	£ 31.665.-
" 1.754½. Barrels of Trout. - "	10. —.—	17.545.-
" 150. Barrels. Pickerel .. do.—	8. —.—	1.200.
" 400. Barrels. Pickerel....	5. —.—	2.000
	Total... #.	52.410.

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J. O. Cameron Esqre
Acting Commissioner of fisheries.
Ottawa.-

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The annual license fees paid! For this return,— when all collected for year 1883.— and forwarded to the department, is very trifling! say. only about $300. for year. —

The license fee, instead of being $5. per boat, per year; should be increased to $15. for Boats, and up to $25. for each Tug during this current year; so as to meet all emergencies; and should be paid in advance, or be stopped from fishing altogether. —

A proposition to this effect was broached to me, last September, when you first sent me to Georgian Bay, to investigate matters there. — By Mr. W. A. Clark!.

And why! because I found when recently in Collingwood and Meaford; that the Fishermen in getting up their gill nets, for this current year, were repairing 4¾" inch old nets, which you have allowed them to fish out during this year; but not later. —

And the fishermen have also been furnished by the Dealers! "many of them" - with New 4¾" inch mesh, gill nets, which they are also preparing to fish this year, with the old, unworn out 4¾" inch mesh gill nets of last year, still on hand. —

I talked with Mr. W. A. Clark, at Collingwood, recently; and with Mr. D. W. Port, at Toronto, more recently still on this subject! who told me, they could not procure any 5" inch mesh gill nets at all! — for this year 1884. and hence they were getting, and supplying their men, with 4¾" inch mesh, new nets. — .

And this I believe is mostly the gill net state of affairs, in many parts of Georgian Bay, besides Collingwood.

The Petition of D. W. Port, and others, (Tenders herewith,) to the House of Commons. &. Ottawa, now sitting. — .

Notwithstanding, will show you the true state of affairs. — Neither Messrs. Port, nor Clark, will deny this!.

I may here add moreover, that I have at present

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in my possession, an application. I received from Mr. Richard Kyffin of Bellingwood for a licence for to fish 3 Boats, this year; with 50 Nets, say. 27.500. yards, or 5.000. Yards of gill nets, each upwards of 15 miles long. — they at a cost of about £ 2.000. are paid for in Cash.

	£.
3. New Boats fully equipped, at £ 200. each. =	600.
50. Nets, at £ 30. per net.	1.500.
Total.	£ 2.100.

I feel it is my duty to tell you candidly, that all this, are facts! — By gross mismanagement of late Governor, this is the present state of affairs. —

In laying these matters bare before you, I am not prompted by personal notoriety, nor by hostility towards Mr. Patton, his relatives, nor towards the fishermen, all of whom I would wish to see doing what is right and legal; but common justice to you and the department, whom I have tried to serve faithfully, to the best of my abilities, and Knowledge, during the past 19. years! behoves me now as a matter of public duty, to report all these facts to you. —

Respectfully Submitted!

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant.

J. Le Vesconte

Fishery Overseer.

William Johnson Esqre
Liberty County.—
pr: 11. Steamer ch.- Tuesday!—

Hamilton. Geo.
15th February 1824.—

Dear Sir.—

Yours of 11th instant was duly received! but I was so busy at the time, winding up the business of my Executorship of James Potter's division of the Georgia Bank, dismissed!! that I had no moment to reply to you sooner!..

Your incidental a/c. in duplicate, is received, amounting to $3150 for the quarter ending 31st of December 1823.— Shares have been sent me only in the month of January last.— however I will credit the ailing Institution on the adjustment of the 1st. of April next.— If you should wish to remain, until the end of this present quarter; as a similar return has been sent back to me this day!!.

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It is all right and proper I suppose, for you to apply to the Legislature for a renewal of Charter, but you the answer is the same thing! The Legislature will not — Therefore, in my return for Liberty, I make but one thing clear! This am sending about this!..

You say! you have written you to have your Bank shares — & the books of Subscription &c; owning the Stock &c; for the purpose of your individual profit!! This is very kind of you friend:—

In answer to this ask for your own information, and the information of your friends I say this you! that the Bank is a Private Institution, belonging to Individuals, and not to the State! and they, Legislature! and they, Legislature, & the Bank — Therefore, I am not authorized to give you the information you ask for!

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besides the little superiors: I consciously do in various part of the County of Ont. myself. - And in County of Hallam!!! -

Now! for the County of R. Hallam. - Mr. W. D. Allen, who rules me at Ont. and he is a prime thing worthy little many salary of £30. a year! - And he must get extra:

And now for the salaries of all the others! Wellington State. £50. a year. -

- Andrew Hughes £50. a year. - -
- W. Hamilton - - £100. a year. - - -
- Alex: Ranklef - No salary! - - - -
- Mr. Hallinder - now at the Number, perhaps £10. - year! -

Yes! now are your friends as not sure you as I am, must assist me with the appointment of the men in the counties not only [illegible] they have! -

Now gentlemen! we ought some change with them as to the men; and when changes positively appear! - I will remember you!!

We proceed now to the expenses

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at St. Thomas, one or two! two or three places! They have no time, not even to [illegible]?

We must wait with this new policy until the proper time. - - -

The foregoing I give you as the true state of affairs. - the Counties you refer to! - you should know how Toronto Business was the 3rd. - Polling day. etc. in front of the City of Toronto!! -

Now we have my Assistants, my friends, and your humble servant, fully employed! -

Have you any thing to - -

I have every reason why appointments are made!!! - and when the appointing officer appointed to investigate charges of Officials; engages to the expenses I have every confidence he will do, no element of any party [illegible] to a matter of duty I owe a friend. - if he could do so!! -

And with Kind regards. Yours. &c...

W. Lount

Hamilton, Bahy.
16. Feb: 1834.

Dear Sir

Your kind favour, of the 8th inst: reached me last week; and the Contents of it I have both read and felt it would be ... [illegible] ... Brother Duffy — and — you others of — generous Countrymen to me! It should be; I assure it being, just in the midst of Lent; time the Retreat was out that day; the Sacrd. Host — Exposed, to be Received by the Faithful, &c. &c. — Then will be the very proper Season for! me to write you, upon the Business!.

I pray — you! may — change — [illegible] — Friend! big Friend!!!...

I must close my Letter, for Writing [illegible]; and go to rest, for I have to go [illegible] for Confession, &c. &c.

Do you know that I have received a change of the Curacy Ballinasloe, during this year; and how expensive & pitiable and Thankless Division, it, and its work are into one Half of the same the best way of any one managing the Division to encourage me sending to you Dear, as much as possible!.

If you require me for this Evening; I will require to prepare myself so as to be in a position to receive, & apply for Confession up: one relieve that the next Festival next spring, before Palm Sunday, for this Separate Exhibition! for as you write me how this finds you, & Yourself, & the dear Girls: I will see how I can do the best I can to Comfort them! & you this Evening! I do hope to see Dear Friend, you will not be disappointed! me, as I am [illegible] to go to Confession, & Communion, the day before you see this, Dear

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 18th January 1884.

Sir,—

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 848,— for the sum of Twenty five dollars.—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:—

1. John McInnis, Cape Rich. For a Boat license to fish in the waters of Georgian Bay, during the year 1883.— except in that portion of it, known as J & C. Holden, in front of Killarney,— under the supervision of Overseer George Miller, Owen Sound! and Overseer Thomas Middlemiss!!

The amount is,— for 1883,— — — $ 5.00

2. Robert Walker, Cape Rich.— do,

do, do, do, do, $ 5.00

In connection with these fishermen, I may tell you, they have already furnished Mr. Fisheries Overseer Owen Sound, with their annual returns; which from a conversation I recently had with Overseer Miller,— is neither fair, square nor the true Market price of the fish disposed of in Owen Sound division! in fact, I find the yield of our fisheries is belittled by the Officers of Georgian Bay!— For instance they only claim Georgian bay price for the fish; whereas the buyers make 1/3rd profit, which should be always the true Market value of the fish, and frequently it is double the price paid for them! I explained this Miller!.— He told me he will adhere to this rule!

3. George Wagner,— Youngstown, For semi license received and enclosed, to fish St. River,— 15.00.

With due respect.— Jan 1884,— Total $ 25.00

I have the honor to be,—

Your Obedient Servant,—

John Wilson— P.O.

S. C. Ramsay Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!—

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
18th February 1874.

My dear Sir.—

Yours of the 14th is received. I remember every thing about your conversation respecting your buying "last year" endeavouring to purchase Turkey point should it be a Game preserve.— I am now glad to learn you have succeeded!.—

Expect to be asked a similar question very shortly. I have heard nothing whatever of Turkey point. Some body being selected for fish hatching purposes by the Fisheries department, at Ottawa!.

I believe there is twelve fishing grounds laid off, between deep hole point, that is 6. to Rob Woods point and six more from Rob Woods point to point of Grass.—

Each fishing ground has a frontage of 15 chains! and the annual rent is sometimes $5. per year, and sometimes $10. per year..

On the main land from above St. Williams Harbour, running East there are six basic hauling grounds in into Lavoie Bay. One of them has 17 chains frontage, also the next 15 chains frontage.

Believe me. Yours Sincerely.—

H. Wilkes.—
Fishery Overseer.

L. D. Thornhill Esqr.
M. P. P.
St. Catharines.
Ont^{o}.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 18th Feb: 1864.—

Sir.—

After my recent trip to Collingwood, I sent the department four dollars to apply on four spearing licenses, for catching Salmon Trout &c. in Georgian Bay. situate in front of the Town of Collingwood. to extend outwards within said limits for a distance of two miles &c.— His honor is to sustain during the period the Ice remains.— The same to expire on the 15th inst. of April next".—

I have just had a letter from the Light House Keeper Collingwood, applying to me in behalf of other applicants for spearing licenses.— in Georgian Bay.—

I suppose I may issue licenses to the said applicants at the usual rate of one dollar.—

Pray acquaint your Asst. Supt. & Insp., as to see them.— I recommend this matter for your approval.——

Which am respect.—

I have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant.—

John W. Kerr.—

Acting Overseer.

J. O. Kennedy Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa &.

Memorandum of the Ma... Fishermarks ...
who fished at, or near Kiti...
and ...

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1. [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible]
5. [illegible]
6. [illegible]
7. [illegible]
8. [illegible]
9. [illegible]
10. [illegible]
11. [illegible]
12. [illegible]
13. [illegible]
14. [illegible]
15. [illegible]
16. [illegible]
17. [illegible]
18. [illegible]
19. [illegible]
20. [illegible]
21. [illegible]
22. [illegible]
23. Albert Hutchins. — " Kitkauf. —
24. Olger Hatoge. — " do. —
25. A. Rogne. — " do. —
26. H. Rogne — — do. —

Signed!

All signed!

Olger Hatoge ...

... for 13 ...

Private

Memorandum for L. P. Brockett Esqr
Pickens department. —
Ottawa! —

Copy of a Communication from Pattison dated 12th of February. which you sent me, is received! — But you ask me what do I say to this? — In reply: I may tell you, this without inquiring very much into Pattons financial peculiarities! I may at once tell you that, that State not settle that account, for it appears Patton refuses to pay heeding in the pay rolls returns for Brigadier! when you are to compare the accounts; and see his $125.45 & you still owe him... This money business is a matter you did not particularly wish me to go into, nor report upon! however! if you say so: here I am! - I am bring him 2dly. to the department. pretty comfortable!! — —

On 10th June 1833. W. A. Clark. Collingwood. paid Patton $20. — on opt of Robt Blackwell. W. A. Clark. Agt for Perry & Co! - Have you received it? - Jas S. Rowe for 1830. —

In year 1831. - Patton collected over $100. — and he paid department only $50. of it. —

In 1832. - Alpheus Sales paid Patton $20. - and he sent department only $10. of it. - Just say if you wish me to report on Each opt. - If you do, I believe I will be able to show you he has not sent money on hand. Please favor me as Brigham has, when he find the County. ...

Yours. respectfully. —
J. Wilkinson. —
Pickering Canada.

Hamilton. Canada.
21st Feb: 1834.

Private!

Memorandum for S. C. Smith Esq.
Militia department. —
Ottawa! —

I am glad that you permitted Mr. Thomas Robertson, M.P. for Hamilton, to read my report and recommendation on the fine of $50.- and $.75 cts. imposed on Mr. Kingston. 12 Mile Creek!. and signed out by the Minister. —

Give him the papers by all means, and let him furnish the Game Club with same!. - -

I may say to you, that it is about a month ago. - Mr. Thomas Robertson - told me in his own office. - "I have day and date!" that if I would write him, when he went down to Parliament, he would recommend the Minister to raise my salary! - His piping after me, in the way you say; talks the salary question for me: for I would starve before I should ever ask a favour from such a person! — No surrender, never!

12 Mile Creek, is not in his constituency. - I don't live in his constituency! and this is the second time he has been trying to find out some dirt at my door!! I am prepared for him, and if either he, or this Game Club attack me, I am ready for them! I will say no more!. —

Many warm thanks for your friendship, which I value and prize so highly. —

Yours respectfully. —
Wm. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.
24. February 1884.

Fishery Overseer's Office.—
Hamilton, 23. Feb: 1884...

Sir....

Being in Toronto, on 21st inst: I had the opportunity of seeing for you, from the reliable website of Supt. Jno. Lytle, who furnishes the material; "Fish and Fish Culture". — That the gill nets fished by Lake Huron, fishermen at Southampton, Ont. Keppel Bay, Hiawatha, Goderich, Penfield, Ont. use 4½" 4¾" and 4⅝" in mesh, extension measure and none of same 4⅝" inch mesh, except in small quantities of 5½" inch mesh, used to catch larger fish, in the fall, each year:— Some of the Southampton fishermen, fished in Georgian Bay, during last season: — And are determined to do the same thing during this present season!.. This is objected to, by Collingwood and other Georgian Bay fishermen; and I am requested by them to report the matter to you. —

And I recommend that they be stopped at once; by an immediate Order from the department: from fishing there, during this present year....

At this present time, were you to call upon the Overseers of Georgian Bay, to furnish you with the Names of all the men fishing; including the Boats, and quantities of Nets fished last year: and proposing to be fished there, during this present year! you will soon see that it is being fished to excess; is Overdone! — Please stop all outsiders, not already residents on the waters of Georgian Bay...

I only desire to assist the local Overseers, in the good work, it is to be hoped, originated by you, this year in the Georgian Bay fisheries; and establish things, on a more firm foundation for the fishermen's future guidance: strictly according to law. — —

I. O. Sweetland
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!. —

You may deem it advisable, to give Overseer Wilson, more territory, and more salary, extend his limits as far up as "Ewen Channel", and down to, and beyond Collingwood to the Nottawasaga River.---

Appoint Mr. O'Brien's man, to take charge from this River; including the Christian Islands on to Mr. Fraser's Division and extend Fraser's division with an increase of salary.--- Many up; and meet Mr. Jos: Wilson!!.-

I would have Mr. Joseph Wilsons division, go further down on the north shore, than French River, say: down below Bustard Islands, in direction of Byng Inlet! and on the south shore, Mr. Wilson's division, might be extended to Ewen Channel, at an increase of salary; and he would meet Mr. George S. Miller.---

It will afford me much pleasure to meet Overseer Mr. Joseph Wilson, next April, or May - go over the ground with him, as you propose, and establish the limits of each Fishery Overseer's division on Georgian Bay.--

And when this division arrangement is established; the fishermen should pay license fee to the respective Officers in charge! and when fishermen during the season move to another division to fish therein; before he commences to fish therein! he should first pay license fee to the Officer, there in charge also.--- I hope these suggestions will meet with your approval.

Now about Gill nets!.. I may tell you, such is the demand for gill nets: "where they are manufactured in Scotland,"- that orders given last June, will not be filled before fishing commences this season in Georgian Bay.- Orders for Nets, have to be sent in, 6 months in advance; I understood all this, since September last, when I commenced my enquiries in Geo: Bay, by your letters....

Mr. D. W. Peet, has already supplied Georgian Bay, fishermen, this season; with $3.000. worth of gill nets,

sitting on the department permitting them being fished with this season; and upon these fishermen whom he has supplied with this $3.000. worth of nets: to pay him back for the gill nets, with fish, when they catch them, during the coming season! what a risk!!!.

I am persuaded now, from my recent conversation in Toronto; with Port. and L'Ecluse, that everything appears very much changed in Georgian Bay, for the better, since you so summarily disposed of that Committee.—And, moreover, adhering strictly to your orders, the law and regulations; during this season I will next year, find the Georgian Bay Fisheries I hope restored to health.—

I would also suggest, and recommend that a uniform Boat license, be fixed and established all over Georgian Bay, for all the fishermen alike! same, or in a similar way,— as notified by you to J. & C. Nobles. that Indians and half breeds should pay $5 per boat, when fishing for themselves, or for the Nobles, outside of the leased limits of the Nobles.... I leave the amount of each Boat license to you to determine.—

Single Boats from Collingwood, Meaford, & C. fishing from 12 Nets, up to 18 Nets (3 yards.) say from 1.200 yards, up to 1.550. yards; should pay at least, $6. or $75. per Boat. license fee for the year.—Establish a system in future, and have your officers keep to it.—

4 3/4" inch mesh, gill nets. furnished this spring, with good fishing, will be worn out during this year.—I have recommended with Mr. L'Ecluse, and he has agreed with me, that when he makes his application next June, for Nets gill nets, to be supplied for year 1885. It shall be for no gill nets under 5" inch mesh.... With due respect.—

I have the honor to be.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John Wasson—
Fishery Overseer.—

Note!. Little Native fishermen, with their small gill nets, will require to closely looked after!

Fishery Overseers office.—
Newburgh, 23. January 1844.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to apply to you for a Pedlicense for Thomas Osborne of Cornwall in the township of Fishkill;— He is fish 100 yards of Trout gill net; 300 yards of White fish gill net, and 700 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario.—

Between Yates gully, and the Range, which is situated in the townships of Newburgh and Fishkill.

Last year I learned it accidentally from the extreme state of his Osborne health, caused by a fall off the roof of his own house! whereby he received many serious bodily injuries, to recommend that he have during years 1841, 1842, and 1843, — the Pedlicense.—

He is not yet quite recovered! he use his wife to the fishing! please insert in this year license, the particular clause! and I respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased to grant the Thomas Osborne a free license during this present year as set forth herein! — done with due respect.—

I have the honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
Thos Osborne—
Fishery Keeper.

To
A. H. Barnard Esq
Fishery Com: of Customs—
Albany!—

I have made this application Mr: A.— please
[illegible] to me the remainder, Yates [illegible] Harv. Co.

Fishing Commissioners Office —
Hamilton 22 February 1834 —

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for Mr James Hutchison Keeper of Light House Point to fish the space of Six yards on each side of Light House Point from the 1st May 1834 the same being situated in the township of Scarborough.

The license fee is to be five dollars.

Will you be pleased to send me the license and I will hand it to Mr Wm Gallinee Collector to countersign, retain, receive the license fee, and send to you.

Will you be pleased to insert in this license the fortieth clause also. —

I am with due respect. —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant —

H. McKenzie —

Fishery Overseer —

S. P. Bouchette Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries —
Quebec —

Sir I have received the application No 2. —

H. McKenzie Esq.

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 23. January 1880.

Sir.—

I Have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license!—To fish 300 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario. in front of Oakbridges Bay. Say: "Between the Gap, and the eastern limits of the City of Toronto, and to extend outwards in to the waters of the Lake between the given points for a distance of One mile,"— The license fee is to be Five dollars, for this current year.—

I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same, and insert therein the protection clauses!—Thos Nethington. Esquire, complaint!!! Has with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir:—
Your Obedient Servant.—
Thos. W. Harris—
Fishery Overseer.

S. C. Bunnethorpe Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries—
Ottawa!.

P.S. I have marked this application No: 9.— please send license to me!. Ottawa. Do.

Fishery Commissioners Office.—
Sir,— Hamilton 22. February 1864.—

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat
license for Messrs Wm. Church Selmes, & Co to fish
"6.000. yards of Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario, between
"the Humber, and Gates gulley!— and to extend out in
"to the Lake, within given limits for a distance of 5.
"miles."— The license fee is to be "Ten dollars."—
And I respectfully recommend that you will be
pleased to grant the same for this current year 1864.
And send me the same.—

And with due respect.—

I have the Honor, to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
Thos. Wilkes.—
Fishery Overseer.—

S. O. Bunt Esqre
Acting Com: of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!—

P.S. I have marked this application No: 4.—
Please send license to me!. V.
Thos. Wilkes. Esq.—
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 22. February 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a seine bearing Licence for Victoria Wharf, Toronto Bay, for this current year of 1864, at the usual rate of Ten dollars; and I respectfully request that you will be pleased to send to me, per delivery, P.O. Box.

"In Lake Ontario, at the Beach, Toronto Bay.
"Also in Lake Ontario at the gap, and between the gap,
"and the New Outlet, also in the Bay in front of
"Road allowances, and Lots 41.42.43. and 44. as per Pl.
"Island flats, containing about 10. chains frontage) to
"extend in the waters of Toronto Bay, for a distance
"of only 200 yards from the waters edge for Seine fish-
"ing place; and with a Seine of 250 yards long."

No fishing whatever, to be carried on, between 6. o'clock,
"on saturday night, and 6. o'clock, on the following
"monday morning, in each week."

And with due respect.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

J. P. Bernard Esq.re
Acting Com:r of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

P.S.— I have marked this application No: 5.—
J.W.Kerr.—F.O.—

Finley Kansas Oct 1st —

Sir. — Sumner Co. Kansas 1880. —

I have the honor to apply to you for the following Licenses for this present year, in Cowley County, Kansas, and I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same, and send to me for delivery. —

No. 6. Retail Liquor Licenses in Cowley County, Kansas, as follows: —

To be the same as last year: —

No. 7. Grocers Retail Liquor Licenses in Cowley County, Kansas, as follows: —

To be the same as last year. —

Respectfully submitted:

I have the honor to be, —

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant, —

John W. Finley —

Finley Kansas

S. C. Smith Esq.

Acting Com: of Licenses. —

Ottawa. — —

Fishery Overseer's Office.
Hamilton, 20. February 1884.-

Sir,

I have the honor to apply for your permission for
No: 6. Boat Licence for Mr. C. L. Hicks. The Number
Two pairs of Pike gill nets, in the Humber, and Number
Three Herring, between the Railway Bridge, and the Lower
Ferries! - during the months of March and April 1884. -
I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the
same, at the usual rate of five dollars. -
There is no objection being that Mr. Hicks had
a similar license then, during last year. -
No: 9. - Charles Nurse. The Humber. - For a similar license
in every respect. -
Will you be pleased to insert the particu-
lars in such license. - and send them to me,
for delivery. - And with due respect. - -
I have the honor to be, -
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. -
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer. -

S. O. Russell Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. -

P.S. -
I have numbered the applications 8 and 9. -
J.W.K. -

Fishery Overseers Office.—
Hamilton. 23rd February 1824.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you, in behalf of Wm Charles Grace of the Humber, township of Etobicoke! for a license to fish one Pound "call Tingle pot" and sixty five Rod land, in Lake "Ontario, between Parkdale, and Walkers point, in "some place, with clay bottom, where Piles can be "securely driven, and firmly".— At the usual rate of Forty dollars license fee payable in advance.—
This license is to be for this current year of 1824.—
And this Pound net is the same fished during last year, in Lake Ontario at Parkmans Bay. by the Honor Mansfield.—

Herring, Suckers and Mullet will be the chief fish caught in this Pound net, which the limits describes.—

Last spring some malicious person set fire to Wm Charles Grace's, Pound Nets, containing Seven, and five nets: which was entirely consumed, at a total loss of £1000. dollars! and no insurance.—

I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license; and send it to me to countersign and deliver! for Your early consideration.—

I am with due respect.—
I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
Fishery Overseer.—

J. B. Rousseaux Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!

Sir I have sent the application No: 10.—
Wm Hamilton No. 10.

Fishery Commissioners Office
Augusta, 23 February 1864

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for a license for the Shoal Piece of the Sunken Island in Lake Cobbossee; Cobbossee Contee Town, and the Islands N° 1 & 2 also the privilege of fishing 500 yards of Herring gate on the Lake Outlet in front of the Dwelling House of Nathaniel Young the present year of 1864. At the usual Fee for the same.

I respectfully recommend that you be pleased to grant this License for the use! — and send to me to contain my advice & me with due respect.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant —
J. W. Nason —
Fishery Commr

J. A. Smithson
Secretary of State —
Maine.

Augusta

I have received the application of Mr. Nason — &c

Hamilton Castle
25. February 1880.

Mein liebes Herz!

Dein letzter Brief vom 18ten
wurde mir erst heute nachmittag
gebracht, da ich gestern Abend
in Glasgow war, um Dich
abzuholen. Ich hoffe, Du
wirst Dich nicht geängstigt haben,
als Du nichts von mir hörtest.
Ich war sehr froh, Deinen
Brief vorzufinden, als ich
heute nachmittag zurückkam.
Ich habe Dir gestern
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£120. was exchanged for me by the year 1822 to the Office since they have always received their Salary for 1822 from the Department &c

I dont find £120. paid in Postage bills for the three Counties I found falling as above for year 1823, although it should be!—

To

the £120. Received for 3 Counties I sent you for J. & C. Stiles. Hanover — please refer to No: 4. in my letter to you of 25th September 1823. — which is a different transaction. — I dont wish to be troublesome! — when I sent the Receipts duly I sent you no reckoning for you and Stiles up with Office. — but I sent you a report, under 3 covers relative to Hanover, Adams & Cumberland Counties.

Three Pound Bills are a source of large profit to Postmasters &c

Your Superintendent
Office
30th Dec. 1824. —

Dear Sir!

Since writing the foregoing I have received your favor of the 27th Inst. I find something like a deficiency in your accounts, but am unable to point it out. I have, perhaps, been wrong in the amount. Let me know.

The following letters were issued by me during the month of 1823.

2 Letters with Drafts for J. & C. Stiles, £120. — which were sent September 27th 1822. — the Letters were sent June 20th 1823. — The Letters under No £40. — Total £120. — for year 1822. — according to Office Letter &c.

Now please pay attention! on the 27th of Sept. last I sent a power of Attorney in Isaac Smith and two powers of Attorney in Cumberland; and in my letter of Sept. 25th I sent a copy of the Letter of Mr. Charles Stiles dated 3 Sept. 1823. — the original of which Letter was the Receipt

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Fishery Overseers Office.
Hamilton, 28. February 1884.

Sir

I am in receipt of "Copy" of letter from Esq. Warden Frank Wyatt (dated South 13th inst.) County of Lincoln, to J. C. Rykert, Esqre M.P. and forwarded by him, as per his letter of 22nd inst. to the department. - "and who states to you; regarding the fishing with nets in Twenty mile Creek. -- "I would like that an end be put to it"- "Mr Frank Wyatt, states in his letter, that Mr Ben; "Cook, Jordan village, has requested him to write you, "Mr J. C. Rykert," with regard to taking the necessary "steps towards preventing the use of nets in twenty mile "Creek."

Mr Frank Wyatt, adds,- "There are many "near Jordan, that think you will confer a great "favour by endeavouring to stop the drawing of "Seines in these waters,"

In reply, I have to report for your information, that the pressure on Mr Frank Wyatt, by Ben: Cook, to induce him to write such a letter, to the worthy M.P. for Lincoln! against a supporter of Mr J. C. Rykert, at the last Election, and deprive him a poor sickly man! is "Unveiled for" from earning an honest livelihood, by fishing under license in 20 mile Creek; more especially as neither the Honorable Member for Lincoln; nor the ex-Warden of Lincoln; personally, desire to do so!. -

I may here report for your information, that on the 26th of July last, in the Gleaning Steps, at St Catharines; Mr Frank Wyatt, then worthy Warden of Lincoln, had a Meeting with me; and it was arranged between us: that Mr Richard Gilbert, the S.O. Grimsby &c
Acting Com: of Fisheries.-
Ottawa!.

1.

[illegible]

Copy.

Police Court Office. —
4. November 7th 1877. —

Where the Court to report that on Wednesday night the 24th ult, — Police Station at Church Gate with Drunk, which is in the Township of Leeds, and County of Leeds. —

1. [illegible] Thomas [illegible] Leeds. County of Leeds. —
2. [illegible] Thomas [illegible] Leeds. County Constable. —
3. [illegible] Joseph [illegible] Leeds. Farmer. —
4. [illegible] Leeds. — do. —
5. Abraham [illegible] of Leeds. Labourer. Drunk.
6. [illegible] Leeds. Labourer. — Cry of the prisoner.

Police Constable [illegible] Kitchen of Charles [illegible] Leeds [illegible] Leeds; with a small [illegible] Police Station [illegible]; they about 9 p.m. — without [illegible] Leeds without a license from the Inspector of Police [illegible] the ordinances of the Police Act. —

That the Justice summoned the Defendants [illegible] Leeds [illegible] 24th ult. of the Police Act, the charge —

That Plaintiff [illegible] — The Defendant [illegible] Leeds [illegible] 24th ult. [illegible] which they [illegible] —

Abraham [illegible] Leeds [illegible] 24th ult. which he got him to pay. — I did not [illegible] charge the beer. —

The [illegible] Leeds [illegible] Leeds [illegible] 24th ult. — [illegible] of Police Act. — of the Police Act. —

Dated with the Magistrate. —

I have K. —

Signed [illegible]
Police Magistrate.

[illegible]
[illegible]
K. K. —
Officer. (Ont)

ishery Overseers Office . . .

Hamilton, 28th February 1884 . -

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 25th instant, Cate=
thising me for apparently meddling and meping, and inter=
fering with Overseers Millers, and Frasers divisions of Georgian
Bay. - - And for changing the license fee for fishing under
Boat licenses at Killarney, from $10. per boat, to $5. -

In explanation to all this, I believe when you heard
our my quotation from your own order to me, per letter
of 17th of September last, - "Thus! - "No: 2," - "Reduce the
"fee on Boat licenses, to $5. instead of $10, - as done on
"the south shore of Georgian Bay." - you will pardon
I merely obeyed your Order! . -

And again! in Mr Whitcher's "late Commissioners" letter,
of instructions, dated Ottawa, 31st April 1883, - he wrote to
George L. Miller Esqre Overseer, - Owen Sound! -

As Mr Miller, handed me this letter at Meaford on
Friday, the 1st February instant, when in consultation with
him; about Robert Weller, and John Mc Innis, of Cape
Rich, in Millers division; and about other fishermen of
Millers division; who fished during a portion of last
season in Pattons division, near Killarney, and in
Millers division, - near Cape Rich, and Meaford, in
Georgian Bay; I give you here, this letter in full!
I have never meddled with Mr Fraser's division, here
I P. - and so far as Mr Millers division is concerned: whatever
I may have done in the discharge of my duty in connec=
tion with Pattons division; as an outside officer, acting un=
der your Orders, - I took Mr Miller into my confidence.
I write thank you therefore not to upbraid me with
something I am not guilty of! . —

I give you here; Mr Whitchers letter in full! —

S. B. Bancroft Esqre
Inspector of Fisheries! —
Ottawa!

(1.)

Copy.—

Sir.— With reference to Boat licenses in the Owen Sound and Killarney districts, the Minister directs that a licensee who has paid $5. to fish in the former might be entitled to qualify to fish in the latter by exhibiting his first license and paying $5 more instead of being compelled to take a seperate license at $10.—

I am Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant,
Lt. W. F. Whitcher,
Commissioner of Fisheries.—

Geo: S. Miller Esqre
Fishery Overseer.—
Owen Sound.—

By perusing the foregoing you will now I hope fine that no blame should in any way be attached to me, in those things established in Pattons and Millers divisions,"— before the 17th September last, that you seemed to impute, as if originating with me!— For in your letter, to me; dated Ottawa, 7th January 1884.— your special instructions from your office— Fisheries Branch,— Ottawa, regarding Mr. James Pattons division; your order!!.

"As soon as your own report is completed, you "will please proceed to Collingwood and wind up "the business of this officers division"?— "You will conduct "of a statement of the yield and value of the fisheries, in "this division, for the past season, and of collection of "unpaid fishing licenses"?— Lt. S. C. Bancot.

For Minister. F. F. F.

Now! you will perceive in doing my duty for you, the department, and towards all concerned, I stand as free, in every Respect, as innocent as a child; as regards Millers and Thorn; I have not that I am aware of invaded this division any!!.—

Am I not justified in collecting $5. from John Mc^Innis, and $5. from Robert Webber of Cape Rich, and from Donald Macdonald Esqre, of Meaford $10.

2.

as for the Whitehaven letter to Commr Pellew, for fishing at Killarney. "Pattons division" — they having paid a similar amount each for also fishing in Commr Fra: S. Pellew's Own Land! — and your own order, known to myself and Mr! wherein have I transgressed?

On the 7th instant having previously enquired, with the Pellew about Rear Admiral Sir Fra: S. O. Pellew's fishing Vessels, as he was I agreed on! between us, on 7th instant, who fished on Bird Island during year 1823, — via Patton division, always returned by Patton; annually! —

Mr Rear Admiral Pellew, I find, paid the department, through Mr Commissioner Patton for year 1822. — Licence fee £20. — I have not yet received a reply from Commissioner Pellew to my letter of 7th instant. — —

And now with regard to the £15. — I sent you on the 18th instant, to apply on a licence for George Hagen. — This licence fee, is not for last season, as you suppose! — the £15 for last season, was paid in year 1823. — The £15 in this case, is for the present year, for the year of Grace 1824. —

Here you please refer to my application to you, of 23rd January 1824, on this head. —

In giving the above facts, my object is to remove any impressions attempted to be instilled out of my Letters and reports in connexion with Commissioner Patton's division in Georgian Bay. — All the reports made to the department heretofore by me, had no other object in view but the protection of the Fisheries. — And as a matter of duty I have withheld nothing in the direction of accomplishing ultimately that end. — Respectfully submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Keating Jr Surveyor.

3. —

Fishery Cruisers Office. —
Hamilton, 28. February 1884.

Sir, —

I Have the honor to report for your information, that on the 4th. February instant, I sent you Bank draft for $119, to apply as license fees. for the year 1883. — All of which I collected by your Order. — —

$115. is to apply on Boat licenses for year 1883 — as per list of fishermen, which I sent you for this amount.

I now again, respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to send me as soon as convenient, Boat licenses for all the fishermen named therein, who paid me, from No. 1. to 17. — inclusive. — —

I may here tell you, that so sure as I go to Collingwood. to finish up returns, and collect balances remaining of license fees unpaid! I will subject myself to unpleasant remarks, if I am not able to deliver to each fisherman his license for year 1883. —

I promised to bring each his license!!. next visit.

Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. — —

Your — Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer. —

S. P. Bawset Esqre
acting Com^r of Fisheries. —
Ottawa!

[illegible]

[illegible] 20th January last [illegible]

[illegible] Bay: The season [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Supervisor's Office! — Hamilton, Ont. 7th February 1884.

My Dear Sir, I have your favour of the 5th inst. before me, I never sit down and write you as follows! —

It appears, from what you told me on the 15th of October last, that there was a high valuation of Crown Lands, which is in your division, fished on that account, during year 1883, — which is in my Overseer Patton's division of Surgeon Bay, for which they will have to pay me $5. for each boat. —

Please explain to them, that I have been appointed by the Fisheries department, Ottawa, to wind up the business of my brother Patton's division! — I understood you to tell me, you obtained from them the statistics and returns for 1883, — value of Boats, number of Nets fished; length in yards of each net, and their value. — Also the quantity of White fish, and Lake Trout, caught by each Boat, the average weight of White fish, — the price per pound or per fish, per Boat! — Also the number of Trout caught, giving particulars in same manner. — Also the quantity of White fish packed in Barrels and ½ packages, put up: price of each, and where sold. Same of Trout, do. do. and price per package and ½. do. and where sold. — Also any other Kind of fish caught by them; and sold fresh, giving fish by itself separately, and places where sold, and the price of each respectively. — — —

Ben: Allan has 12 nets. P. — Boats, with shares the transaction! and if there was any person else from Crown Lands, who fished in my Overseer Patton's division — please inform me. — Of course, if you have included their catch in your annual returns! — I only want $5. from each boat owned for the department. — —

I have only got Robert Wetter, and John McInnis from Lyons Head, and John McInnis of Meaford, besides Donald Macdonald, and his nephew, settled for.

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[illegible] please give up the Tax [illegible]; for
[illegible] and sign Bill; [illegible] more Attorneys bill
fees; when she [illegible] was there! - she [illegible] please -
favor me on this subject, and give me the names, of
such Lots as [illegible] for back Taxes. -

How many Lots, Deeds in Attorneys, the city of the
Bluffs! they were all fair Indigent Citizens. Attorneys
and Sheriffs Bill. - I have got rid of them! Do
you please tell me who the owners of the other three
Deeds are. - - -

I never during my 19 years, and 2 months since
as Deputy Surveyor, found any thing before me more of
perplexity and disquietude. -

Am with Kind Regards —

Yours &c.
Chief Engr. —
Engineer Office —
Council Bluffs.

Yrs: S. Miller Esq[re]
Ft Kearney. —
Nebraska Territ.

Memorandum for S. C. Russell Esq[re]
Chief Engineer.
Office! —

This letter contains my Correction with Lucien Smith
Miller's decision! and while it was wrong, I have
done no more than I was to with this letter, as he
wrote upon me the information I required; for that
any to this he has not come on! —

I shall have reason when finishing up my Corr.
the Calling decision; to refer again to Lucien
Millers and his decision with that my official
decision! —

Yours &c.
Chief Engr. —
Engineer Office.

Council Bluffs.
29. Feb: 1854.

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Dick!

Hamilton Sept.
8th March 1864.

My dear Friend! —

many thanks for the
warm interest you take in this case. —
a more loveable man than Dick Gillet,
as a fisherman is not always to be found. —
why! the day before last General Clinton,
at the J. B. Ryckets request, I sent you two
to Jordan, Gillet it being previously ar-
ranged between us, one to St Catharines
and retd next day in Lunch — Ryckets.
I went on to Queenston, and Jas Gabriel
and Jas Gabriel Jr. — & Henry Clapham
pd. at my returning retd! Ryckets —
Cathcart retd Ryckets at Niagara,
myself & retd at Niagara — Ryckets. my-
self — since then I've not retd again
for Exemption evidently! and paid all my
own expenses! for the foreseeable future! —

Yours. Ever. J. W. Kerr.

S.O. Smith Esq.

Ont. Co. Court House,
Sitting September 1863.

Private!
Y

Hamilton. Ont.o
3rd March 1884.

My dear Brother Allan! —

I am in receipt of yours of 29th of February last, and having read the same carefully over, and as a Church of England Minister would say, and inwardly digested its contents. —

I see no way open for you, but by Petition! and send it through Mr. Mc. Neal, your Conservative M. P. for North Bruce; and have him present the Petition himself to the Minister, and recommend that it be at once granted! — Your worthy partner, Mr. D. Porter, of Wiarton, can write to Mr. McNeal, enclose the petition to him, addressing it: to House of Commons, — Ottawa, — and you may then expect immediate Justice done you! .. at once!

I am aware the Matter is an —

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applicant. Jos. Miller showed me the application at Meaford on 1st February last with Acting Commissioners remarks thereon. —

I have been on Georgian Bay. Jive or six times since last Sept: 19th inst. and in the discharge of my duty. I have come in contact with Overseer Miller, and I reported him; it would be therefore useless for me to ask him for a favour in your behalf, for your worthy mate as it may damage you!

I have therefore blanked out a petition herewith in pencil. — Get Jas. Riddle, or some one, to write it off, on a double sheet of foolscap, — then sign it, and take it — or send it, to D. Porter Esq.re Wiarton, and when he signs it, and carries out my directions, he will; I have no doubt succeed. — And may your and he prosper, — as soon as you forward the Petition, let me know, & will then say a good word for you: Yours fraternally. —

J. S. Allan Esq.re M.D. Owen Sd. J. Wilkes — J. Bowes

Sir,

Hamilton, 25th February 1884.

I am in receipt of "copy" of letter from ex-Warden Frank Wyatt (dated Louth 12th instant.) County of Lincoln to J. B. Rykert Esq. M. P. with reference to fishing nets in Twenty mile Creek, and to state as follows for your information:-

On the 26th of July last, in the Albany House at St Catharines; Mr. Frank Wyatt then worthy Warden of Lincoln, talked this matter over with me; and it was arranged between us; that Mr. Richard Gilbert the only licensee of the 20. mile Creek fisheries should not be annoyed any more by such applications! Mr. J. B. Rykert, M. P. - with whom I conversed on this subject last year agreed with me and did not then press a similar application. -

I may here report Richard Gilberts health, is poorly, and has been so for years he likes fishing as a livelihood, has a large family of children: his eldest daughter, a young woman, died recently, which sad event grieves him very much. - -

I am convinced, Mr. J. B. Rykert will not inflict an injury on poor Dick Gilbert in his sad bereavement, by advising you to take his fishing license away from him.

When a poor man is afflicted, has your Fishery Overseer, first it to be my duty to attend to such fishermen and lay his case fairly before you. -

I beg respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to show this report of mine to Mr. J. B. Rykert, and I may here assure him, that when Gilbert before receives the license to fish in 20. mile Creek, through his instrumentality, it met with the approval of every fisherman from Queenston, to Burlington Beach. - - -

It is a support for himself and family. -

And I recommend that it should not be cut, or taken away from him; and with an request. -

S. O. Bancroft Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - - -

I have the Honor to be.
Sir
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Private!

Hamilton Ont.
8. March 1864.

My dear Sir. —

I received a letter on Saturday last, from your Comm. Agt. partner John S. Allen. Cat down. explaining to me how matters stand in Barrow Bay. — as regards DeKalb, your two Farm Lands — and Conover Miller, — Owen Sound. —

I answered the letter the day, and pencilled out a petition which I sent him; with directions how he is to manage. —

From your intimacy with Mr. McNab. M.P. — for North Grenville. I see no difficulty whatever in the way, to prevent you from getting a License to sell you 2 Lots in Barrow Bay, — as soon as you receive the petition you will sign it, and write Mr. McNab at once, to get you the License authority, as a supporter of his he is bound to do it for you at once. —

Miller has been with Caterline from Ottawa, about DeKalb, for he showed me the letters at Hamilton, on 1st February last. —

Insist on McNab doing this for you — don't let it get off, stand up for your rights — and the moment you sign the petition, write, and send same to Mr. McNab, Commons — & Hon. Speaker of the house — Ottawa — telegraph me, and I will do my part. —

Owen Sound — has changed to you, but your partner Allen pleases Mr. Caterline — Jas Lindsay. —

D. Peter Esqre
Hamilton Ont.

J. Wilkes Owen.

Hamilton. Ont.
4. March 1884. —

My dear Sir —

Your letter received in good time, but I have been away from home for some days when it arrived! —

Your son can have the Licence, and any other thing I can do for him; command me to do it. . . .

Give me the quantity, and the description of fish nets you intend he shall fish, and I will send at once to the Fisheries department and get up his licence for him; also send me his christian name! — he shall have the same privileges of any, and any other fishermen!! — I have been for a week in Collingwood; since I saw you!!

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It is nice, and has been all through a very severe winter! I am just waiting to receive papers from Ottawa: to go up to Collingwood again. Any other good place or places you can recommend the most fish; he shall have a free field to operate in!

I am much obliged to your wife, and to you for your very Kind enquiries for my welfare and health; and that of the Rev and family — We are all I am sure thankful for; enjoying Gods most precious gifts and blessings at present in this week! — Glory, Honor, Praise, majesty and Dominion be to His Holy Name! both now and for ever; Amen, and so mote it be! Jehovah: reigns; right worshipful Lt Knight and Brother! He is Great I am!!!

With kind regards and my respects to yr wife & family. Believe me Yours fraternally. a Friend! a Brother!

W. D. Hamilton Esq
Barrie. Ont.

Wm. D. Hamilton Esq.

No: 2.

Public Notice....

The Seine Hauling fishing grounds in the Niagara River; between Rousseau's wharf and Kennedy's boat house situated within the Town limits of Niagara! being the areas for fishing purposes during this current year 1884; It is my duty to inform all the other fishermen of the Town of Niagara of the fact!...

Angling and Trolling! the only mode of fishing except by permission of the present licensees! that can be carried on within the limits described... By outsiders...

Boat Fishermen, and the occupants of all other Seine Hauling grounds, will please take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly!... (2 Niagara)

Niagara! is Niagara still!! and shall be as long as Niagara River runs!!!"...

Hamilton, Ont:
1st March 1884.

By Order.
John Hall Ker
Fishery Overseer.

Note! Fishermen will please see that these notices are not removed from their present positions!

My dear Sir,—

Will you be pleased to give heed with

2. Notices! post them up!—

Kind regards to all... I have a warm friend here in you sir. your Club Chairman... your Rev. Father Dale—... I hope Jim during this present Lent. he will profit by it, and may you be redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb!—

Jim! you & I must meet in the Rink on this year; for you know my Christian friend! Skating is next to godliness.—

There was a name in the Niagara, at the time you people were trying to change its name, but she got lost— should you ask after her....

Kindly remember me. Yours &c, John Hall Ker

Dick!.....

Hamilton Club
5. March 1894. –

Dear Dick –

As I have yr. last night –
made up her mind: look. who got Thank Heart to
write J. B. Pickett. Esqre m. D. – to stop all
that foiling in the Arctic Ocean. – – –
and run fine Heart, and Thank Heart
& The scientists recommend that we shd
foiling be stopped at once!!.

The report of these letters were sent to
me for to report upon... In answer I
take them! at Athens who are more st
the best general Heart – in your many
other enthusiasts for me I notice the re-
port not to write the case me give a
opinion with upon J. Pickett. M. D. the fir
me in general my report. this case I re-
commend that upon the that general
Athens Heart, Heart. you not I, –
I recommend that you be me more

subject to such petty annoyance –
And I recommend that you be left in
possession of the Arctic. . .

For me I have – given – perhaps (2)
more in Athens! me no wife me this
the result probably. –

As I was the very reason why
was I was talking to you on last
evening being made. . . .

about the good you are and
then my this by stating before this
many miles another! –

Dick dear – as you me! make
Hay-Pickett (Hay=) while the sun shines! –

I hope you are keeping more re-
membered. as the quite has become
of your pets. Kiss me opposite each
other with my best wishes as ever for
ever your true friend! me I remain
your friend! As = the fairies of old
times. – Yours heartily. –
Pickett M.D.

Ottawa Oct 7th
October 1884

My dear Stella!

Your letter dated
Jany 21st February 1884. addressed to
the Department of Marine and
Fisheries, Ottawa! with abstract
from your diary and incidental ex-
penses from 1st to 15th of
December 1883 — amounting to $37.25
has been sent to me. I wish thanks to
ask you a few simple questions:
1. How many miles did you travel
from 7th of September, during six
days you were engaged making a
town plan of Selkirk, Manitoba. Number 11.
in your division. Specify separate
items and complete of this diary.
2. Are the number of miles from the city
you started — your diary, with you
got home again! —
3. Give the name of which town

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when last visit you inspected on
October 9th 1883, the number of miles
you travelled by, and back home
again! — Your diary.
3rd When you please state the distance
from the village to Selkirk, and
back home again, as per your diary.
— 22 miles Oct. 1883. —
4. State to me the number of miles
you travelled on November 5th 1883,
2 days, on your trip to Rainy River
when you stopped, and back home
again. —

Also you be please to furnish me
this information as soon as possible,
One thing more: Your diary —
should be sent to me by
Deputy Minister
Chief Engineer —
Public Works
Ottawa. 2

All my kind regards to you &
yours! Yours &c.

Private!

Hamilton Oct.
7th March 1814. —

My dear Sir —

I am in receipt of yours of 5th instant. —

And as I told you in conversation on yesterday, I see nothing in my way to prevent my recommending that your application to James Beatty Esqre M. P. P. laid by him before the Honble Minister of Finance, obtain the grant. — —

You will however have to send an affidavit stating the names of the parties of the first part, your applicn &c. &c. & also specifying the Lots &c. &c. &c. in question! — & your Patent!!

You will require the order in Council for your claim, as also the Certificate of your officer

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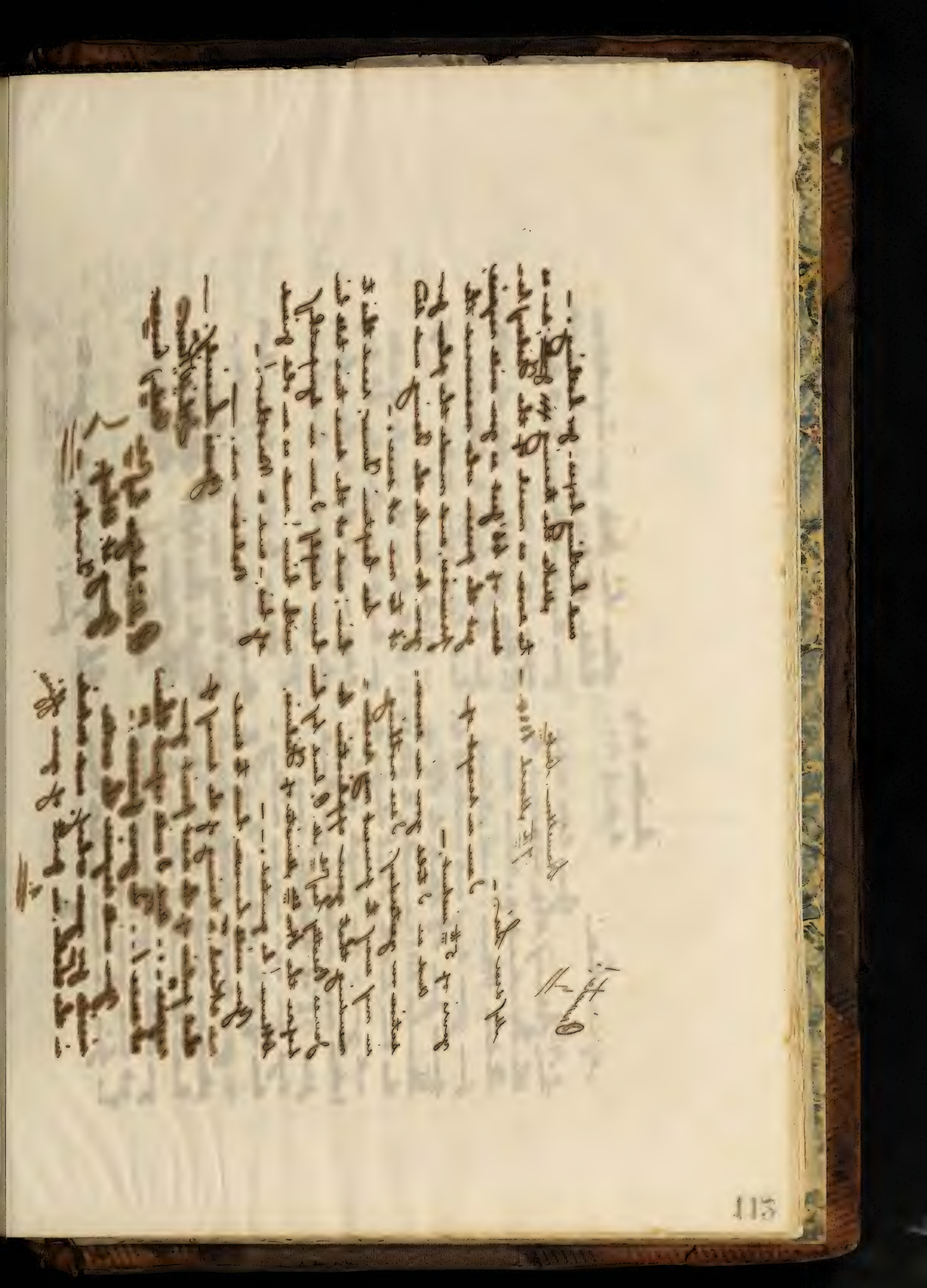
and holding lease — for holding. —
also the Survey &c. &c. &c. as
to some as much of the Tithes has
been set off for you as you will require
get the person who measured the
premises, and make the plan for
you, to make the Survey and send
it to me at once. —

See Captain Turner, read this to
him; and at the same time tell him
how deeply I am in sympathy
with him! and as an old friend
of his. — and a Brother! —

Believe me. —

Yours Truly. —

Addressed
Thos. Ridout Esqre
Surveyor Genl
Toronto. —



Dear Sir

Please see for J. O. Smith Esq. Sheriff of Dakota. Ottawa! -

I am in Court on garnishee and will report on next point Both Nos. Trials Saturday. in a few days.

I saw D. W. Ott. and I had a chat with him on J. A. garnishee. - Am: Allen Esq. re. A. Bruce Esq. to whom I referred in my letter to Bruce. Miller, of 7th February last has handed up, and giving notice has been all bought up by Ott & Bruce Bills Notes, with exception of the Bills for goods of $1400. for Lumbering, was given 3 days, and 8. Bills of that Saturday. Has no intention to give it to Bruce there already. - - -

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You will remember - Claim for plff D. Ross. J. for L. Allen of Chatham through plff Attorney. A. Bruce Esq. Barrister at next Sessions. proving for Lumber to Gist 2 years Bruce Esq. - Defence denies which I strongly recommend may be granted. - They are both men supporters of Government and Friends of the Defendant. - This Note will explain anything to you! -

I go to Brantford - next Tuesday morning! Will you please let me know Quarter Sessions about the 20th of this month, and oblige! -

I write over for application for more Licenses by Monday.

Yours respectfully.

J. O.

Hamilton, Ont. 7 March 1864.

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Private.

Hamilton, Ont.

Memorandum for J. O. Arseneault Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

I submit — a letter just received from J. D. Reardon, "Cattaraugus division" — for your information and decision... Please return to me, as what I may write him when I hear from you. Other fishing officers say as they have in my present! desire you don't make any Fishery this — etc from the mouth of Buffalo River, advises me to take you again without your contradiction; that it is the old story in Lake Huron & Superior. 4¾..4⅝..4⅞- and even as small as 4½ inch mesh gill nets. for this year etc etc! — and I may take you a prominent fish dealer D. W. Ort.- referring to your Public Notice herewith; said to me the impertinent pay their officers such a paltry salary, that they will not agree the — on these upper Lakes.— Respectfully, 10th: 1884. Submitted. John W. Kerr. Esq.

Private.

Hamilton, Ont.
1st March 1884...

My dear Sir—

I received from you this day the following telegram! "Have sent petition to Ottawa today. Kindly do what you can?"— Signed D. Carter.

On receipt, I instantly wrote my friend! thus!

"You will receive a Petition from Messrs D. Carter, and John S. Allen of Windsor, through the Mail this P.M. or tomorrow, or next day, praying for a license, to fish 2 Nets Pounds in Lake Erie, during the current year! Carter, Allen Division, which I strongly recommend may be granted, as both are warm supporters of the Government, and friends of the Fisheries"— Mr Allen will explain anything to you"—

The above was all I said and wrote, it will be in Ottawa by 7.30 a.m. on Tuesday

Copy.-

Toronto.. February 11th 1884..

J. W. Kerr Esqre

Dear Sir.-

Inclosed please find my account of expenses incurred by me, which I wish you would be Kind enough to forward to Ottawa, for me, at your earliest convenience, and you will oblige me very much .-- Dear Sir,-

I have made application to the department for an increase of Salary some time ago, and the answer was that they could not give me an increase without extending my limits .- My friends advised me to have my limits extended into the County of Peel and Halton, reserving the position to your inspection .- I trust Sir, this will meet with your approval, as this will not expose you of any friendship between your inspection .- Hoping that you will oblige my prayer .- Please answer by me Know your opinion of my request .--

I am Yours Very Truly &c.
Signed Wm Johnson
No: 11. Clarence St. Toronto

Copy. My reply!!.-

William Johnson Esqre
Deputy Sheriff
No: 11. Clarence st. Toronto,-

Hamilton Ont.
15th Feb: 1884.-

Sir -

Yours of 11th instant was duly received, but I was so busy at the time visiting up the business of my division of the County Peel division!!- that I had not a moment to reply to your favour!.-

Your interest off in explicit is enclosed, amounting to $11.85 for the quarter ending 31st of December 1883,-

should have been sent on early — the most of January last: a known! I will send the only business on the subject; one month's wages — I pro. it will have to run over, until the end of this present year: as a similar return has been sent back to us this day! —

It is all right, and proper I suppose! for you to apply to the department for an increase of salary! to get the same is the main thing! Miss Mellonie, on the 2nd visit in March, on my return from Collingwood, after a most hard duty there! told me something about this! —

You say! your friends advise you to have your limits extended in to the County of Halton, and Peel! even the Lake Ontario frontage to (your) my superior!!! — which is many kind of your friends! —

In answer to this, and for your own information and the edification of your friends! — I may here tell you, how Peel stands at present. — —

In Caesarea, Wellington Street, at Lai vitage!
Caesarea, Andrew Stephenson, at Evangeline. —
Mellonie, and a Family, at the Number, Lot
and Alley; Blackley, at Port Credit, besides the (Lieut.)
superior; Occasionally do, in various parts of the
County of Peel myself: — and in the County of Halton
Now for the County of Halton. —
Mr. W. D. Bellamy, acts under me at Brantford, and he is a first
rate boy, only little man — worked during 40 days, and he
has never got any extra! — Must now for the balance of
men the others! — 1. Wellington Street $50. a year! —
2. Andrew Stephenson $50. a year. —
3. Miss Nellie — $40. a year. —
4. Alley; Blackley. — No salary. —
5. Mr. Mellonie. man. at the Number, Package, —
$40. a year! —
You, now your friends. I suppose, do not see fit to

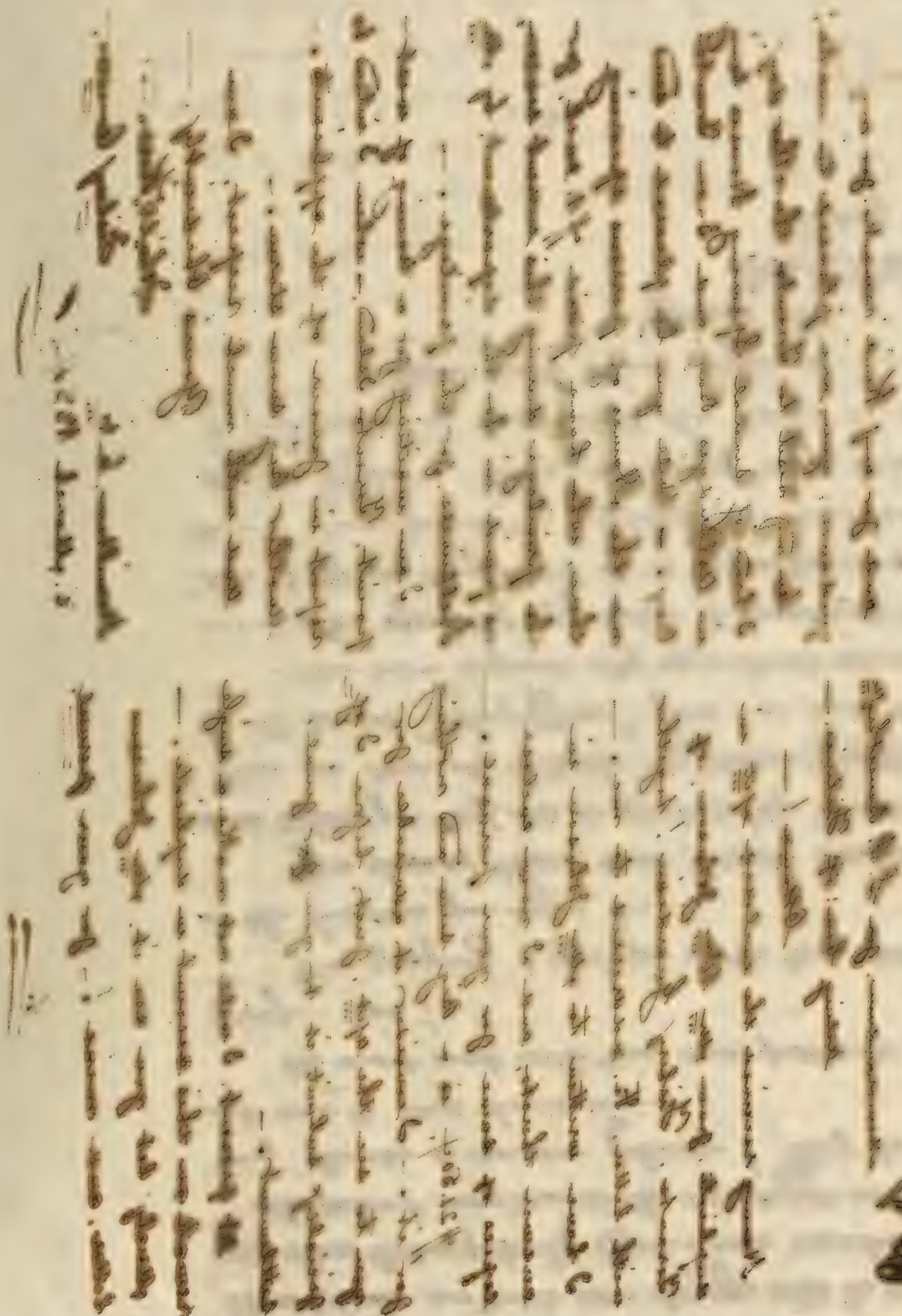
Boston

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Nancy received the volume you
enclosed from Mr. Johnson of
Lincoln. Tuesday forenoon. together
with letter, K. addressed to me.
I have written to Mr. Johnson in
answer thereto, and I now enclose
copies of same for your perusal.
$21.50 is — Boy sent and nothing
for it. I wonder if agreeable for
you to see the Apt. first, before I go
further with it — for your
attention.
Mr Garrett. I note as well as a slight
mark on the account is explained. —
Kindly let you see it. Mr Johnson
letter. and mine i — for your perusal

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No. 1.

10 - March 1880.

Sir, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated Toronto, 27th February last, from Messrs. P. McCutcheon, and seven others, addressed to James Beatty Esqre M.P. - for West Toronto, now attending Parliament at Ottawa, referred to me for report thereon. - - -

In obedience to your orders, I have to state for your information, that on receipt of your instructions, I proceeded to Toronto, where I saw Messrs. P. McCutcheon, and Mr. John Turner, two of the persons who signed the letter, and who have applied to Mr. Beatty, for a portion of the Fishery on the west point of Toronto Island.

And I have now the honor to report for your information that I see no obstacle at present in the way, to prevent the Department from granting the Fishery licence asked for. - Mr. Thomas Hanlan, occupies the fishery on the Island, in front of his premises on the Bay, in Toronto Bay, at the nominal rent of $5. per year. -

And although this portion of the west point applied for, is also included in Hanlan's yearly licence, he has never used, nor occupied the west point reference to. —

Please refer to Hanlan's letter of 16th January 1880. - and my letters of 23rd 24th and 30th January 1880. - the 5th Feby. 16th February 1880. - and the 1st and 5th March 1880. —

These letters, and the description set forth in fishery licence at present held by Edward Hanlan, first issued to him in year 1880, - covers the west point of Toronto Island, now applied for. -

Refer to description given in Hanlan's licence, which will have to be now altered, for he has now occupied this west point, nor never fulfilled his pledges in erecting Pavilion thereon! now applies for, by this Company of Gentlemen for a similar purpose, when they restore this place;

S. O. Ramsay Esqre
Acting Com: of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — — 1.

such as submitted to you for adoption by the James Bentley, on &c. . .

I have therefore to report, and recommend that you will be pleased to grant the fishing licence asked for, at the annual licence fee of £10, - payable in advance! . -

I have asked the parties to furnish me with a sketch of the ground, and waters in front! the Lake!! - and in the town! Lake Select!! - when this purpose is done a copy. and I will see persons going to the Lakes!, so that you may know exactly the position of the place yourself. —

When I receive this plan, I will send it to you, and give you a description of the place. —

Due to present enquiries, when a Licence Station licence, applied for by me, for this year is received, I will point out for your information any alteration required, so as to make perfect Station licence, and this language I have for the present year. —

Respectfully submitted. . .

I Have the Honor to be

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant

Neil Mc

Fishery Overseer

Ch.

It appears, per Lawson Station, has gone to Australia, has rented his Hotel, for 5 years, so that I see no prospect of his putting up fishing Stations —

The intention is to run Steamers, from Toronto west to the Lakes, to be erected on the most point Toronto Island. It is the wish of the Fishing Company —

Yours &c

Hamilton, Canada
18. March 1858

I have the honor to apply for [illegible]
Grant for my Lot Immediate frontage, of [illegible]
a foot 100 feet of Water lots and
Wharf, and on the East end of Church Wharf
running at the end of Gooderham's wharf.
Bathurst Street; and east of a line two feet on
the wharf or pier to the Messrs Perkins's Stores, situated
on the said Church Wharf. Thence to the lower end of
Bathurst Wharf in front of Jarvis Langley's stores. The
said Lots situate within the City limits of Toronto.—
The Grant is to expire about the 20th of next May.—
And may be renewed again every month of October next.—
The Grant for is to be for the reasons.—
I respectfully that you will be please to grant the requ-
est herein; the petition shows.—
I have, in my making Known to You, your favour
the reply to his Petition, remain getting up his Plan
the [illegible] rate.— And with due respect.—
I Have the Honor to be,—
Sir—
Your Obedient Servant.—
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible] of Finance.—
Ottawa.—

Hamilton Ont.
10th March 1864.

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information that the above Lot No 4. in the 1st Concession of the Township of Barton, is the Centre of Lots 3. and 4. as per notice herewith. —

On this Lot, contains in the Lot, one Acre! Two & 40. Rods of the water of Burlington Bay, & part of the Lots 3 and 4. besides the water & the Land covered by the aggregate to 8½ Acres of water. —

The 104 acres, at value of 10. per acre, for the Township purposes, and from it the Acres required for Canals &c. Lots for Lighthouse Site will further be necessary, also provision to fish a piece of Lot not, and with a few feet for their use and privilege use. — This was generally done with land to parts of his Lease.

[illegible] Lots 3 & 4 [illegible] part [illegible] use. Centre of the Lots.

I [illegible] respectfully recommend that you [illegible] a portion [illegible] Lots 3 & 4 [illegible] this [illegible] the [illegible] Lots [illegible] Lots [illegible] not for this use. —

The [illegible] Notice, to which I [illegible] your attention and they [illegible] the water I referred to are [illegible] the Township Lands.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Deputy Engineer

[illegible]
Deputy Engineer
Office. —

Hy dear Sir.—

Yours of the 4th inst. is just received; enquiring if any more licenses to fish for trout will be granted; and if any one else has applied for licenses.—

In answer to your enquiry, I may inform you that no person has yet applied, and if any one is fishing besides Brants fishermen, please let me have their Names, address. &c.

I am glad to hear from you, that you are all fishing below Oakville. I was at Toronto on thursday last, and a person resident in Oakville, told me your Boats were all out in front of Oakville the day before, you saw fit so far down as Long Point. — In order that we may all stand well at Ottawa, don't you think it would be right that you fishermen, all during the Summer season, should pay up now, and take out your licenses for this present year, 1884.— Hoping my worthy Christian friend Uncle Sylvanus and the Boys are with me till me to remain down & collect licenses from, and talk over fishing affairs, and settle if any one else is to get a li= cense, and who! — for year 1884.—

With kind regards to you and wife, — not forgetting your father, mother, brother, and my friend the Sylvanus! — Adieu me! —

Yours truly, —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.

10. March 1884.

1.

To Hon: J. Pope.
Fisheries.
Ottawa!

2.

Hamilton, Ont.
October 1st 1859.

Dear Sir,

Yours received!
asks you to please to see me the number of yards of Silk you intend to give in the Ring this year, and the date to which it should reach in May; and I also apply for a Ticket for you! - What will you be able to pay for a Ticket license to sell Pike this year? I suppose £10. -

Don't allow any one else to sell, before your first applies me! - Think this!!!.

Do you intend to give a License to white Silk and Velvet and Ribbon Silk also? - If so, send in your application. Don't please this Show, Don't sell: Might be an Obstacle! If they attend to Silk. - and with this regards. - I am, Yours truly
Wm. H. Thompson. - Wm. H. Ross -
Esquire. Chairman Agricultural Society Committee.

Hamilton
10th Oct

Dear Sir,

Please to receive
Pleasure to be
yards Black Silk
Ribbon Velvet
Yours truly
Wm. H. Ross
Chairman
Toronto.

Copy.—

Hamilton, Ont.
7th March 1854.—

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 5th instant, and as I told you in connection in yesterday. I am willing in my way to grant my recommending that your application to James Bay Lt. H. L. be by him laid before the Hon. Minister of Militia, Ottawa! be granted.—

You will however, have to send me a sketch. The timing of the survey of that portion of west point you require.— And I will report thereon at once in your favour.—

You will require the water mains in the Island, for your wharf, and outside in the Lake, in front of your offices, and the bathing houses, for bathing.—

Making the timing full, so as to cover as much of the Military Reserve of 66 feet, as you will require.— for the person who measured the premises, and made the plan for you; to make the timing and send it to me at once, for the Minister information.—

Also see Captain John Turner, same this to him; and at same time tell him how easily I am in sympathy with, and as — the friend of Lt. R. E. Lt. Col. Leslie Lt. Col. Bolton Lt. Col. Jones Lt. Col. Wood Lt. Col. Turner.—

Copy. —

Camb....

Mr Jobn of Kent —

11th March 1819. —

Rutland Arms. —

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of

your of 7th instant. —

Captain Cann asks I express your

kind expression of sympathy, and hope you will keep

up if you can your health. —

I endose the thing you require of Burrage &c:

during which our Racing Season will be likely to

retard, and the hunting of the colts. — —

I think it just as well to have a horse for the

whole point, as long as it does not cost over £10. —

but the stable are require other attention of just

as will not have to get a fresh point for your

Regiment. —

Hoping soon to hear you the appointment. —

I am.

Yours very truly. —

Lieut. Col. Wilkinson. —

Glasgow. —

Hamilton Oct.

No. 1

2 continuation of my report to you of the 18th instant: I now beg to forward to you plan referred to copy of letter on the subject; and I send you a description of the Lands this plan including, together with the same must meet with your approval, and the approval of The Hon.ble The Administrator ...

I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant a license at the rate of Ten dollars for yearly payable in advance ...

The license may be issued to the Hon.ble The Toronto Island Park Company or to Mr. Gilmour, through Lands as you please ...

The following description will I hope coincide with your views; it will leave Edward Hanlan at Centre Bay, the centre of the Island which is situated in the Centre of the Lease, situated on Hanlan's point - if my recommendation is approved of by you; then the description on Hanlans Lease will require to be altered. —

Description:

Commencing at the north east of Mr. Jones Garage, same being, in front situated on Lake Ontario, at a post planted 66 feet from the waters edge, and which is situated on Hanlan's point Toronto Island, - Thence due north, to the centre line of said point; Thence due west, on across the centre of the Island, for a distance of 600 yards; Thence due south, up the Island to the Lake running across said Island, from Garage running 660 yds to the post planted on, as aforesaid; to a post planted 100 yards from the same; Thence due east, across the Island of the Island, and Thirty feet for a distance of 600 yards to the place of beginning ...

This License is to extend 600 yards for the whole distance on Thirty feet into Lake Ontario, and includes 66 feet, Jetty running from the Garage, to the Lake, and includes only the water in the Island. —

1.

Hon. I do suppose that whether the appointment will [illegible] the privileges or not the applicant will [illegible] ...

At the same time I may [illegible] that the practice of this "Family Practice" has grown up there, and has existed during the last 10 years, under [illegible] ... As a matter of course, the City of Toronto has [illegible] while at same time I have strictly endeavored to [illegible] my rights, and during all this time, I have not been [illegible] with the authorities of the City. —

Personally it would be more pleasant if members of Parliament did not actually interfere in such a [illegible] affair, seeing which [illegible] to [illegible] the practice, and many [illegible] they have [illegible] ...

Personally, I do not know nor am I [illegible] with [illegible] Dr. [illegible] nor Toronto [illegible] But in the interest of the Province [illegible] this [illegible] question may be settled this year for if [illegible]

The Lower Province question, or the result of [illegible] as this remains, the Province [illegible] it [illegible] of [illegible] ... Should you [illegible] this, which is more [illegible] matter for your consideration, and the approval of the [illegible] I have the [illegible] of the [illegible]. —

[illegible] —

I have the [illegible] &c.

L. —

[illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible]

&c.

Li.—

Hamilton, Ont.
13. March 1894.

I wish to submit for your consideration
the enclosed account for your services as solicitor...
I enclose also your client's account for the amount
paid as follows: — — — Leave for you — $20.00
1. Martha Ellen Gallagher, account... $ 5.00
2. Rachel Barker — Gallagher — " — 5.00
3. William Sharp — Gallagher — " — 5.00
4. William Lamb — Gallagher — " — 5.00
Total — $ 20.00

Now it appears from a statement made to me, when I
attended this morning before the justices, that the Gallagher
case, in — Court, giving the finding of magistrate,
Hamilton, on the 12th November 1894, (Magistrate) the case
was still running, he (Miller) was present at Hamilton; when the
magistrate, (Gallagher) the fact he was to pay Costs of
Hamilton; reported to you on 10th November last...—

Re receipts (5) I have sent you for payment,...
and I have your statement, herewith I took down, given
to me by Rachel Barker, on 6th Sept. on 11th instant
when I was in Gallagher's driving Barker.—

Barker and Sharp — are not fit — my witness.
Barker; as his statement records, merely went in there,
"to Hamilton" he knew this fact.— They went their
own back from Barker George St., Hamilton.—

Now I may sincerely tell you that I am not
going after this witness, it was voluntarily sent for
you; with much movement, when his failure was
not present... that I suggest taking down the case,
costs... Respectfully submitted.—

Jam. Li.—

S. O. Barker Esq.
acting Gen: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Your Obedient Servant
J. Whitehead
Fishery Overseer.

[illegible]

Memorandum! —

I may here also state for your information, that Andrew Rowe, Alexander Rowe, and William Rowe of Collingwood, fishermen, who had been fishing at Byng Inlet all through the fishing season of 1883 — until the month of October, like the, when I settled the latter end of January last, for license fees. — He they had set out in Georgian Bay, in the Collingwood district, but that they landed their fish at Thornbury, same day Miller got Storey, and Blakes license fees, when they paid him. I was never settled myself at all before by appointment on 14th February last, when he went to Thornbury, & the three brothers Rowe, with 3 boats fishing in his district, one they paid him $15.00 ea. for license for each boat. — He refused to pay me for the experiment $5. each, for fishing at Byng Inlet. —

And they told me the reason, the last night they got their license, Miller, for the $15.00 ea.

I was not aware when I went Miller should pay for license fees, that it was their reason for taking them, and while fish and Game Warden did not tell me it was, when we had the conversation at Thornbury. The same amount of fishing during close season was taken as I have last above mentioned, as the license fees. — You will see by reports from the Collingwood Office for '83 that he also paid $5. for license fees on 6th November.

I thought I might just as well tell you how matters in this report stand, and personally that I have no feelings on the subject, hostile to either the settlers or the fishermen. —

Respectfully submitted. —

John Wilkes. —

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
13. March 1884.

Private and confidential

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

I may have duly for your information that we
in Belfast this week [illegible] applied
to me to obtain for you a loom for the finishing of
Canvas, and 40 [illegible] mule, say 600 yards in
each web. Total, 24,000 yards

I may just simply inform you that [illegible]
Messrs Lang [illegible] with the above [illegible]
to come [illegible] with Lang of Ballymena, than he
trades with Locke of Dundee. —

Now Mr Lang was so ready in the matter, as
to take one about [illegible], was the quality of [illegible]
is 4/4's inch mark. — If this was to be shipped
per [illegible] duty, he will be [illegible].

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I may have duly for your information that
I was readily informed that [illegible] of the
town of [illegible] had a loom getting 2,000
yards of [illegible] mule, but it was [illegible] by
by his Customers; also Messrs Lang of Ba-
lymena. — Yours &c.

1000. pounds of 50's 3 cord thread. — And
1,000. pounds of 60's 3 cord, thread, gills mule. —
and it is all 4/4" inch mark. —

Respectfully submitted. —

Hamilton. Ont.
13. March 1874.

Private!!

Memorandum for L. P. Ramsay Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

I had almost forgotten to tell you, that when I was in Collingwood on last Tuesday, the 11th instant, I learnt from W. A. Clark, that Mr. Watson, the Collector of Customs at that Port, had called a Meeting of the Fishermen together locally. Clark said to me I was in Toronto at the time.— But I was told says he, that Watson received an order from the Government, to call the Fishermen together, and ask them certain questions on the subject matter contained in their Petition recently submitted to the House of Commons by Mr. O'Brien M. P.— and to take down the answers correctly,— and send them to the Government, so as to have a committee appointed to enquire into the Fisheries grievances, about the size of the mesh. I replied the Fisheries department, Ottawa, always knows everything about your affairs,— I don't believe, for one moment has occasion to make further enquiries, they already know as much! Clark then said he knew, why Watson the Collector, had acted in the matter by direction from H. H. Cook, M. P.—

I learnt from Clark, that Mr. Richard Griffin, was at the Meeting.— I saw Griffin, who told me he answered all the questions put to the Meeting by Mr. Watson.— that he said the document was forwarded to Ottawa by Watson, who was always a great friend of the Fishermen.— Griffin— is the same person we formerly had in a other Commission business.— I think it as well that you should know this!.—

Send you a Notice of sale of the point on Clark's Island, referred to, in my report sent you today.— The condition is the fishing Season.— There may be business meetings, also arranged already beforehand!.— Hamilton, My address, Ont.— Respectfully,— John W. Kerr J. P.

Hamilton, Feby

Sir

Mr. Mark Lewis —

I have the honor to send you Three Accounts viz. 1st. for the sum of Ten Dollars — 2d. for the sum of Ten Dollars — 3d. for the sum of Ten Dollars — I have to please to apply this amount for this amount you as follows: —

1. Miss Lewis, of Ritchie — The sum to be apply the same as last year: amount now due is — $10.00
2. Jesse Hill, of Wirt — The sum is to be apply the same as last year: amount now due is — $10.00
Total — $30.00

I respectfully request that you will be please to send these the same as last year sent to me, for the purpose and above. — — —

I have the honor to be, —
Sir
Your Obedient Servt, —
Phil Kerr —
Indian Agent

S. A. Merchant Esqr
Acting Com: of Indian —
Office. — — —

[illegible] Esq.
11 March 1824. –

[illegible]

[illegible] Sir –

[illegible] shocks for days.
I write the [illegible] – To [illegible]
your kind . . .

On Thursday last I received your
[illegible] of Kilmarnock which re-
lieves you from [illegible] and I wish much
of anything for you next week. . . .

My kindest [illegible] – Yours [illegible] I
will also [illegible] you next week. . . .

If you & [illegible] would [illegible], you
would [illegible] you have always taken in
my welfare and prosperity during 18 years
and I make. How [illegible] be wrong! –

I have always [illegible] you
the protection and generosity of the Judges
[illegible] – [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] I expect [illegible]

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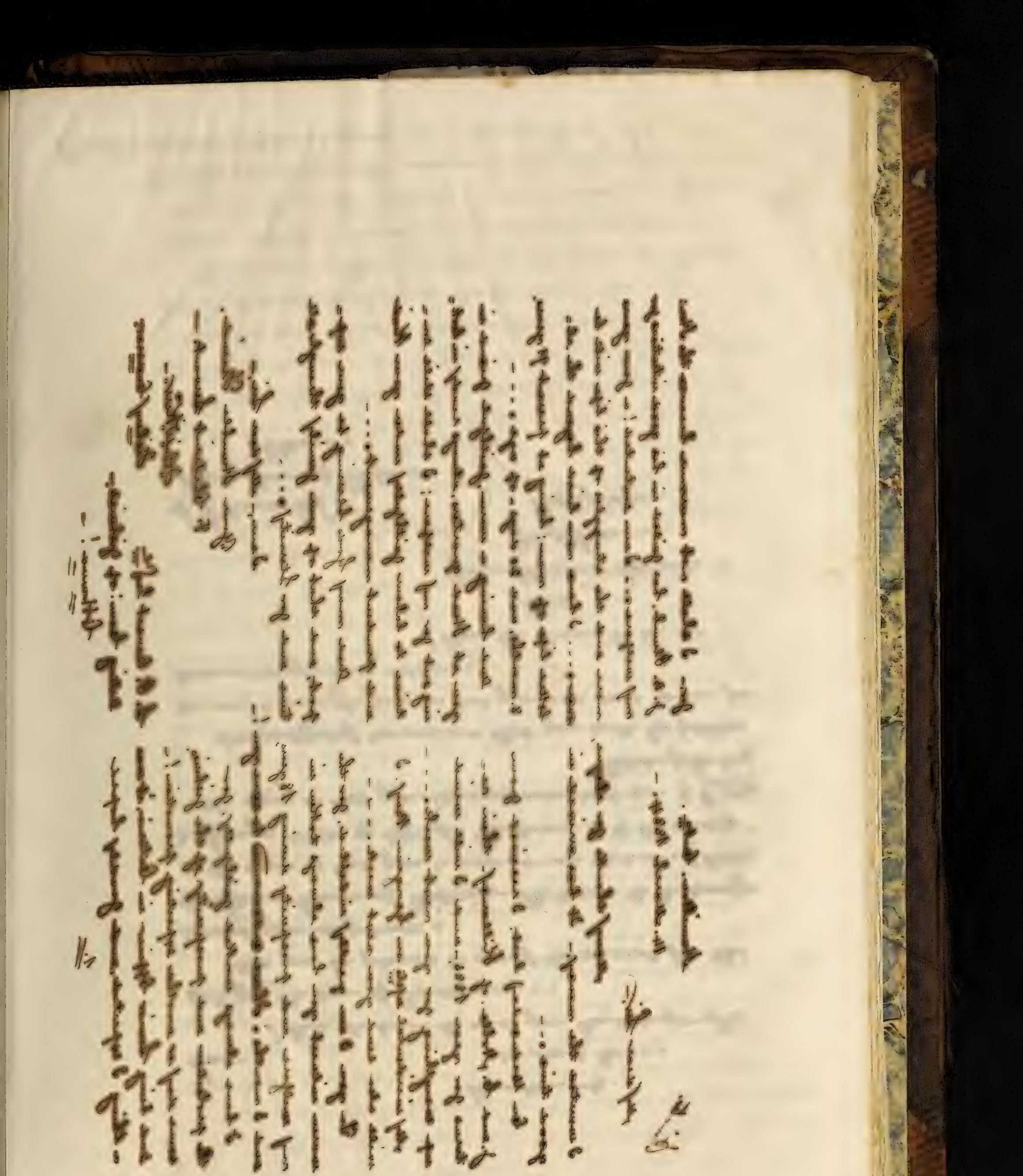
you I shall not [illegible] the Com.
J. A. Stuart, for [illegible] to you [illegible]
[illegible] – I am [illegible] – you you
[illegible] the struggles of this life [illegible]
[illegible] . . . I have [illegible] the ad-
vice of [illegible]: being at present 21 years,
2 months, [illegible] of age . . . –

[illegible] – [illegible] you
at least [illegible] I [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]; I shall [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] . . .

[illegible] you [illegible] to your [illegible]
[illegible] and that [illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] . . .

I am [illegible]
Your [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Esq.
[illegible]



Hamilton, Ontario. —
March 17th 1884. . . .

Sir. . . .

In continuation of my report to you of 14th February last, I have the honor to send you herewith, Return of fish caught in by Overseer James Pettit's division of Fishery Bay, for year ending December 31st 1883 — amounting thus far, to #80.739. dollars. . . .

I feel pleasure in reporting to you that the returns of Jas. E. Noble, of Killarney, so far as my Knowledge serves — have been got up and furnished to me, in a form taking, creditable appearance and form. — Due for which they are worthy of my commendation.

Now! as regards the J. E. Noble Nets. I have failing in them Herself, and hope Success, on the 21st September last I sent J. E. Noble, copy me, now! to J. W. Kerr, Killarney, for his guidance. . . The I have since repeatedly, with not any satisfactory result. — I shall be obliged to make a special report to you, on the J. W. Kerr, and his Gill Net Operations in Georgian Bay. —

Now while I shall in this relationship, I must not delay longer in submitting the same for your information, and direction and consideration. — Mr Hawley! for Fishery!!.

I have not quite completed the returns for returns; Lakes of Killarney, - and Killarn, Shut Inlet, returns. I have not yet received; but I expect soon to have from them; and the Indians, who fished in Green Island: when I will finish up and send you result. —

J. E. Noble returns. - Got up. 52 Boats, 201.500 yards, of fish nets, - and they caught #20.260, worth of fish. —

Respectfully submitted. . . .

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

D. O. Chapleau Esq. C.M.G.
Acting Com: of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! . . .

Dear Sir James Gibbs.

I have just received Your Post Card from Mr John Depew, Niagara, dated 18th March instant. - It reads thus: "I understand that Mr Barbour has given You the Falls ground. if so, would you give me a license of it, and oblige. - Answer soon !" Thus signed. -

I suppose you will not require this Falls piece for any thing. - now You have My Lease to Goat Island - Niagara being just below your door.. Now as Barbour has given himself this Lease, so you as Tenant under Barbour, can sublet the small piece of Falls ground. - Answer me, & do write me a line & let the matter be settled. - Now as the Lease is out - you have also time & more than a Month -

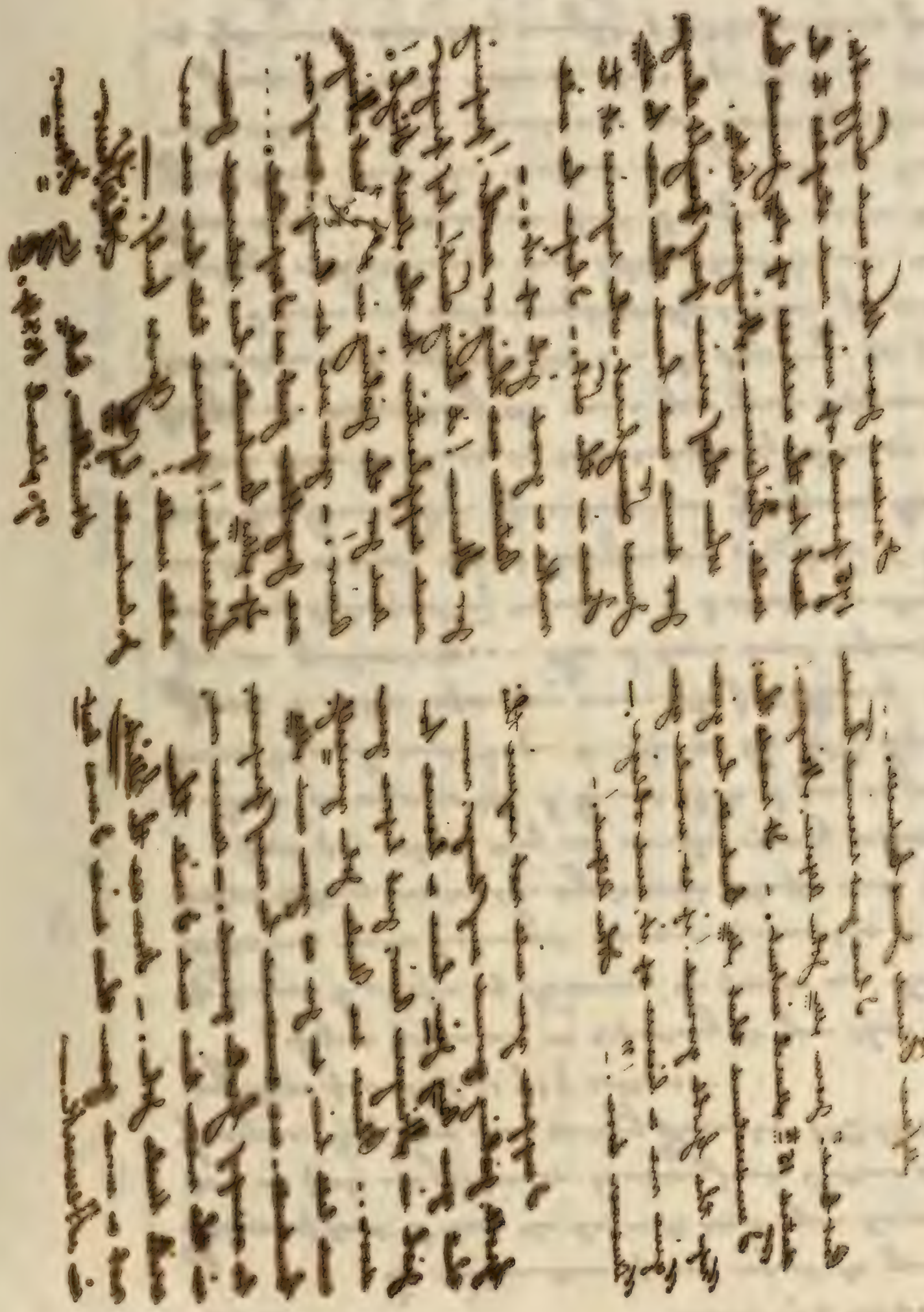
I ordered from Utica one Luggable. 175 pounds of wire rope shipped to be sent to the address of Mr James Gibbs. Niagara. Lake.

when that wire rope Luggable shall be come, and have Mr James to Mr James Langhurst. who requires it to Come in the Lot.. I hope he will make a good job of it...

Adieu my Dear - and! prosperity for Ever! to Dear Lot! - My prayer and supplication to the most High! even for the Falling in of Goat Island Rock! - you are to keep Company with Mr Depew just as I expect.....

My Dear Barbour, how welcome you Ever! please call to see me as you will! Yours truly.

Hamilton, C.W.
7th March 1834.



Hamilton Ont.—
17 March 1844.—

Dear Sir,—

Will you be so Kind as to let me Know the quantity of Trout in Packages or /2. packages caught by Indians. Trolling in Open Channel. Also the quantity of Trout and White fish caught by Indians with Nets who have not disposed of their fish to J. & C. Nobles.

I was informed that you and Lalonge of Killarney dealt chiefly with the Indians not only last year! but all through the year ending 31st December 1843.—

Please Keep the quantity of fish we Trout by itself!— and the quantity salted and put up by itself.—

Give number of fish, average weight and price per pound, sold at Trout!

Number of Boats. Number of Indians fishing in each Boat; Number of gills nets Jerked in each Boat, and the length of each net in yards.—

Also the value of each Boat,— Also the number of Boats belong. and value and number of Indians employed at same!.

Be so good and Kind as to do this for me and I will do you a favour some day in return.—

I hope you enjoy good health after the severe winter, now nearly over.—

Also please state quantity of Salt fish put up by Messrs Hall at Club Island. for Benj. Allan Esq. pd. C.C. and if he sold any fish Trout, except what was sold to D. W. Ont. Toronto. and if so give number of fish weight and Kind and quantity and price. Yr. Yr.

Allan me. Yours Truly.—
Louis Smith Esq. John Kerr—
Trader Yr. Fishery Overseer
Owen Sound Ont. Hamilton Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
17. March 1884.

Private!

Dear Sir.—

Yours received and returns; for which I thank you kindly.—
Will you please send me $10. dollars, and that will pay up the license fee, for last year 1883.—

About that Sturgeon net. 4½ inch mesh; I can give you no authority for to fish it! that must strictly with the Minister! I know that some fishermen not being able to procure 5 inch net are using the 4½ inch net.—
with my kind regards.—

Yours truly,—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

J. A. Beckett Esq
Fisheries.
Merchants Bk. Offis.

Mem: for S. O. Beckett Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Will you be pleased to send me licenses I have applied for, as soon as most convenient.—

Dear Oblige.—

Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—
Hamilton, Ont.—

18. March 1884.—

Hamilton. Ont.
19th March 1884....

Sir...

In order that you may be in possession of the names of the persons and Firms who deal largely and extensively in fish nets, and from whom ex-tensive nets were obtained and furnished to the Fishermen of Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, &c.. for this current year of 1884: I send the Names herewith as follows: viz:-

1. William Darling, and Bro. 30. St. Lawrence, Hon. Street! the most extensive dealers in Canada.
2. Melville. Fare and Bro.. Collingwood....
3. Thomas Long, and Bro.. Collingwood....
4. R. Waldron.. Kingston, Ont.
I send you the Names, for-warded herewith for your inspection....
5. John Leckie.. Front street.. Toronto..

So as to strike at once at the root of the evil. I have obtained this list of Names for you; so that you may if you deem it advisable after consulting with the Hon: the Minister, write and inform these dealers.. That the legal size of white fish, and Trout gill nets is 5 inch mesh".. I understood from Mr. Dawson M. Ont. Fish dealer, at Toronto, that now is the time for the department to write the dealers! before they send their orders in, for next years supply.... But one Clerk, have no objection whatever to 5 inch mesh, only they don't make it general all over, and your duties imperative.

And with due respect.-

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

S. O. Beaucharg Esq. C.E.
Acting Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
19. March 1884.---

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you the Names of Fishermen now about this for: I have not been able to collect Licence fees for year 1883 - and who fished within the Collingwood Division of Georgian Bay.---

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1. Robert Bishop.. Collingwood, Amount.-$5.00
2. Mathew Bishop.. do.- -"- " 5.00.
3. Alexander Bishop.- do.- -"- " 5.00.
4. Augustus Dempsey.- do.- -"- " 5.00.
5. John Nicholas, alias Mc^{o}. Lennis,- do.- -"- " 5.00.
6. John Johnson.--- do.- -"- " 5.00.
7. John Darling.--- do.- -"- " 10.00.
8. George Stelka, one of
John W. Ramsay.- 3 Ridgeway.- 3 do.- -"- 20.00.

This amount $20.- Mr^{r}. Stelka told me was given to Mr^{r}. J. W. Ramsay. to be paid in to the department but this has not been done so far! - I write see Ramsay. soon and then report result and other particulars..

9. John B. Van-Black, of Vanelpek. Amount.- $10.00
10. Ben: Allen, 3 Boats, Clark Island. " " 15.00.-
11. Yosef Nie,- 1 " do, " " 5.00.-
12. Ferdinand Rogue, " Kilcarney.- " " 5.00.

Total.- $155.00

Except John W Ramsay.- and Ben: Allen! I dont expect to have any difficulty in collecting the balance due, for Mr^{r}. Peter Clark, who are in Partnership for this year; have promised to pay me, just as soon as the fishermen have arranged to fish for them during this year 1884. - Also Stelka, who holds the 3 Boats. I am get Ramsay $ for you! whenever you order me! - Mr. Ramsay does not seem to know! he should be kept out of Georgian Bay.

Respectfully Submitted! - I Have the Honor to be.
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.

S. O. Bass at Bay Pt^{e}.
acting Com^{r}. of Fisheries.
Ottawa.---

John W. Ramsay
Fishery Overseer

Sirs!-

Memorandum! for Acting Commissioner, S. P. Bousat Esq
Ottawa!.-

Here is the discussion going on now amongst Collingwood fishermen re. J. and C. Noble, of Killarney.-

J. and C. Noble, should be kept altogether, within their own bound Limits!!. In just the same manner, that the Great fishermen are obliged and compelled by your order, and the fishers not to keep without, or outside of J. and C. Noble's bound limits!!!.

Why allow J. and C. Noble, the double privilege of fishing outside of their bound limits in Georgian Bay!!.

I managed to obtain for you by the application I made to J. and C. Noble! that they fished; and had fishing for them, during the year 1883.- Fifty two Boats!!.

To prevent all future trouble, and confusion, and disappointment, all Boats fishing 12 Nets, and upwards, should pay a License fee of Ten dollars, for fishing in the waters of Georgian Bay.- and all Boats fishing under 12 Nets, should pay $5 per boat, for year 1884, same to be paid in advance.- The present law is vague, as it is for every purpose.- I recommend this matter for your consideration.-

I got from Mr. D. W. Bell, on yesterday, the quantity of fish caught by him: from Lighthouse pt, C. and twenty Mile, on Bell Island, during year 1883.- he bought the fish.- I will send you letter on these, soon.- In the face of an opposition, I have succeeded beyond my expectation! for when one receives fishes! I have found it hard to secure one entirely for your information! they must help me!

Respectfully submitted!- John F. Kerr
Deputy Commissioner.

Hamilton, Ont.
19. March 1884.

20. March 1884,

Hamilton, Ont.
20th March 1884.

Sir —

I have the honor to send you herewith the quantity of fishing stations employed at Black Island in Georgian Bay — belonging to Division during the year 1883. together with the quantity of fish caught and bought by D. M. Fish Insp. Toronto during the year ending 31st December 1883.

Black Island!

1. Boat: 200 fathoms of Gill Nets, fished
2. Boats, worth $200. each, new! = $400.00
42 Nets - 550 yards in each net equals 23100 yards
or 4200 Yards! worth when New, $5. per 100 yards = $1155.00

2. Seine Nets, known as, fished & Boat worth $200.00
15. Nets each, 550 yards. = 8250 yards, or 1500. Yards.
worth $5. per 100 yards, when new = $412.50

Fish bought.

166. Barrels of Trout, at $10. per barrel. = $1660.00
206. Barrels of White fish, at $10. per barrel. = 2060.00
Total. — $3720.00

The fish were sold in Toronto, Hamilton, and the United States of America. — The nets were fresh!
Will you be please to note the only return sent you. on the 17th instant. —

Respectfully submitted —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant.
[illegible] Jr. Overseer

P.S. Other fish. were caught, sulked, and put up by Indians! will get amount for you shortly. [illegible] Jr. O.

S. A. Bennett Esq
Acting Commissioner. —
Ottawa!

Hamilton. Bermuda.
20. March 1844. —

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for license for the ensuing season for the fish in Harrington Sound, during this present year of 1844. — I of a Mile, of Bellingseas; the Harrington Sound to be set in the North Channel, and the Hog Islands; —

The two parties mutually, with a single boat or Net thirty feet square, and a license to apply seventy five rods in length, — and is to be £. 30.0.

payable in advance". —

2. N. of Ord. Bellingseas and Harrington Sound to be set inside of the Christian Islands, —

The two parties mutually with a single boat or Net thirty feet square, and a license to apply 45. rods in length; — amount is to be, £.30.00/.

payable in advance".

I most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant licenses as above. —

The fish caught in the Bermuda waters, Harrington and Castle, is the only part of the Revenue Expenses Bermuda. —

I have the Honor to be, —

Sir, —

Your Most Obedient —

Most Humble Servant —

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rec'd

[illegible] 1. Feby. /84. for ₤166.13.4
do. --- 12. March 1884 - for
Quarterly Salary - - - - ₤125.00.

I am the same ordered herewith.
Your Respectfully. —
[illegible]
Hamilton, Ont. Deputy Comptr.
24. March 1884.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}
22^{d} inst. March 1884...

Sir.-

As reported to you in the Postscrip of Letter of 20th instant, I have now the Honor to send you the quantities of Trout caught by Indians and put up by them for the undernamed Traders, together with the number of Boats fished by Indians, number of Indians who fished, and the quantities of gill nets fished by them altogether during the fall of 1883.- in Georgian Bay, as follows:

At the south west end of Horse Island, and further to the north west point of Horse Island.- And at Rattlesnake Harbour: Collingwood division, Georgian Bay.-

Indian Boats and Nets.--

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16. Indian fishing Boats, at $5. each; worth, $1,200.00 c.

fished by 32. Indians.---

160 Nets, containing 48.000 yards, or 3,725 lbs. = $2.400.00 c.

Fish caught, and sold as follows:—

1. E. Vessey St. Hill. Owen Sound. 250 Packages of Trout, at $4. per. Market value, $1.000.00 c.
2. " Estate Labaye, Killarney. 300. do. - do. - " 1,200.00 "
3. " Mrs Mundel, Manitowaning 250. do. - do. - " 1000.00 "
4. " Mrs Shebo, Killarney. 150. do. - do. - " 600.00 "
5. " L. Smith, Owen Sound. 150. do. - do. - " 600.00 "

Half packages. - 1100. Trout, Market value, $ 4.400.00 c.

I remain my information from reliable, and truthful authority, the best one might obtain. put up by Indians.

Respectfully Submitted.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant.—
J. Whitcher.—
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Bancroft Esqre
Acting Com^{r} of Fisheries.
Ottawa!

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
22nd March 1884.--

Sir.--

I Have the honor to report, that in compliance with your instructions to me dated 7th January 1884.--

I have completed and sent you in returns, showing the number of Fishermen, engaged fishing in Collingwood division of the Georgian Bay, during the year ending on 31st day of December 1883,--all ranking in the aggregate, to the sum of $98.459, as per statement submitted for your perusal and information.---

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The amount of fish caught and pickled, of $ 11539.00.-
" Amount of fish caught and sold fresh, .. 86920.00.-
Total .. $ 98.459.00 /

This amount comprises the White fish, Trout, Pickerel, Sturgeon and Coarse fish caught, sold, or stil on hand, as per tabular return.—

I have ascertained that the Indians on Manitoulin Islands, Total, buys quantities of fish, which they dispose of to some Traders, very cheap; This business should be protected, for the mutual benefit of the Indians, their buyers, and Govt's.-- Whisky, is the price often received as the price of their fish.—

This should be stopped by all means.—

The following fishing material was in use fishing in Collingwood division of Georgian Bay, during the year ending 31st December 1883.—

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117. Boats, and Tugs (243 men) worth $ 26.210.00 /
1624. Fish nets, - 114.457. Nets, worth .. 20.711.50 "
7. Seines, 2 B. B. - values at .. 2.219.00 "
Value .. $ 73.138.50 /

Dr.
J. P. Bernhardt
Fishing Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.---

You will be pleased to observe, that there was during the past year of 1863. - 342. Fishermen; with $ 78.182.50 ¢ worth of Boats, and Nets, employed fishing in the Bellingwood division alone of the Georgian Bay Fisheries, and that caught according to the returns I furnished you with $ 98.487 dollars worth of fish. - These are figures and facts. — And I respectfully now submit the same for your favourable consideration. . . .

I considered from the start, when I first landed at Killarney on the 20th of September last, and took in a calm view and observation of matters, that I had to observe great care and caution! where so much wealth in fishing material, as I then heard of, was invested amongst these classes of the community; viz: The Whites! Indians!! and Half Breeds!!!.

And I hope, in discharging my duty cautiously, I might venture to say, during the last six months, to the department, the Fishermen, and the fisheries, I have endeavoured to keep my mission, within due bounds. —

My reports and memorandums testify that you are all true and strictly correct. — I have withheld nothing from you! and I can assure you that in laying anything before you, my motives were pure, and simple from beginning to end, and in the interest and for the welfare and protection of the fisheries, of this division; to work in value and greatness. —

I must here report that I found some discontent amongst some of the Fishermen, because of the setting of White fish and Trout, at Shallow, fearing there would be but few. - I was told it would leave fishermen, not engages to catch fish, and obtain favour for the Hatchery at Newcastle, to do some

Jobbing in consequence during close season, on their own account. —

How this can in future be avoided, and the laws of Game enforced be observed, if Officers omit do their duty, by taking the fish, and procuring from them the eggs. &c. for the Hatching after the 1st November, in each year. —

The 4th inst. must, I fear, with deference cause the Department some anxiety and trouble. —

On the information I have collected, and sent you on this head; was from my own desire to be useful to you and the department. — And should you find it necessary to prolong my services on the Georgian Bay Islands; Collingwood division; will you appoint a fit and proper person to take the Lower Bottom place: I am this at your command.

Respectfully submitted. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

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Private.

Memorandum. for S. P. Bunset Esqre

Acting Commissioner of Fisheries:-

Ottawa!-

I send you herewith a few words of a report on the Collingwood division of Georgian Bay fisheries.--

Dr regrets I. and C. Nobles. and Esqr. Cunningham. fished during the year 1880.-at Cape Smith (1.) and — Owen Channel. (2.) ... but dont Kill any!-

Messrs J. and C. Nobles. have referred me to their Partners. Mr. Jos. W. Ramsay of Kingsmill Ontario.-

I have to attend to the duties of my own division on Lake Erie. this week! and I will call and see Mr. Ramsay. as I pass through Kingsmill.-- Shall report to you!.

I have written Mr. Ramsay. repeatedly. for information but he declines to furnish me with any.--- Shall!!.

Will you be pleased to have a supply to be sent me of Blank.- Diary and instructions,- and a package of large Official envelopes.---On receipt of these I will make out my Collingwood and Killarney a/cts. and send them to you.-- I would advise the fishing Curious,- on Lake Huron, and Georgian Bay,- to make an effort to collect their fees, and issue licenses in the early part of the year, instead of at the end of the season!... This is for your approval!.

I enjoy the length of my leave greatly. I called at Ryans, one 3 weeks!- It should have been by years, and 3 months!!.- But then! you Know all about me!!. You might perhaps allow me to remain on, on Collins division this year! please and just to write the first decision..

Georgian Bay, as my returns prove is a mine of great wealth... I assure you in closing my returns must have the desired! one Seine hauled, from Lake; when I print 20. in 1875, and 80. thousand, of Whitefish, from which I took 12. packages of fish. alone by me in good fair. during my visit now finished up!. Respectfully Submitted.-

Hamilton. 24. March 1881.... Superintendent Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum of Mrs Jane Lewis. agt.

Rice young Indian.-	$ 1.50
" Do Squaw.-	" 1.00 "
" Blind Indian.-	" 5.00 "
" Express charges.-	" 2.55 "
" Miss Davis.-	" 2.00 "
" The white girl Lucy.	" 60.10 "
" " Corsage.-	" 00.00
" " Embalming charges.-	" 00.90 "
" " Custom fees. for entry.-	" 00.50 "
" " Repairing Carriage.-	" 22.66 "
" " Mrs Ellen Levitt, for Agent.	" 6.00 "
" " Interest for year on 150. at 7%	£ " 5.25 "
" " Cartage and Cards.-	" 10.00 "
" " Hunter, for Agent.-	" 10.00 "
" " Rice Lewis	" 19.76 "
" " for Licence for year 1884.	" 10.00 "
and " Embalming.- Carriage. & on Rice Lewis.-	£ " 1.70

6 months. at 7.0/0 By paid Interest, 2½ April 1884. 0.25 | 174.65

172.00

Amount $150.00
Cash. for Agt Levitt. 22.00 = $172.00

John W. Kerr

D. Sharp Esqre
St. Thomas. —
Port Dover. Ont^o

Hamilton.
24. Mar: 1884

My dear Mr: Sharp.

Yours received & have
taken an interest every day in the
letters. Like his! should be the
last, perhaps, I mention, and then,
as a large tip. after that I go to
Toronto on a similar tip as that you
met me for and after that I am
at your service and will race up.
I have been very busy all winter. —
I have just finished up my Course
of Law reading for last year 1884.
which was a distinction Pass of first
class. 1st 179, 2nd 172 & 3rd 170 marks out of
170, 132 Only 4 of this year Pass. I was
the only one in writing them. —
With kind regards —
Yours &c. J. Hamilton
Barrister

Wm Johnson Esqre
No: 11. Charles street —
Toronto, — Ont^o.

Hamilton. Ont^o:
24. March 1884. —

My dear Sir, —

I was in Toronto on last
Tuesday, and I endeavoured to see you
respecting your incident of ^%. —
I was informed on sending to
enquire for you, that you were
from home. —

You cannot hope to make out
a regular printed form! and
then you have some postages and
telegrams to add! and perhaps ex-
penses incurred during present quarter.
I have to start on Thursday morning
for Lake Erie, — a 4 days trip, &
at the end of that when I can see
you. — Yours &c. J. Hamilton —
Barrister

Hamilton. Ont.
24th March 1884.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith the account of expenses incurred by me during my recent inquiries and investigations into the Fishery affairs of the Queen Jane Cattle, Collingwood Division of the Georgian Bay fisheries, and of which I have already reported to you full particulars.—

Commencing on the 18th September 1883, and ending this 24th March 1884.— I herewith beg to submit:—

2,918 miles travelled, including Railway fares, Steamers, Boats and men, Horse and Buggy &c. &c. &c.

Board and Lodging . . . . $ 149.57 c.

Add: Postage $11.00 c. Telegraph $3.64 c. and Stationery $20.00 c. " 34.94 "

Total . $ 184.51 c.

Deduct Refund on 18th Sep: 1883.— " 100.00 "

Balance . . . $ 57.51 c.

In the discharge of my duty, on this investigation, I am happy to report, that every facility was afforded me by Fishermen, Fish dealers, and Traders, enabling me to accomplish objects and facts. I have set forth in my report "seriously" thereon to you. . .

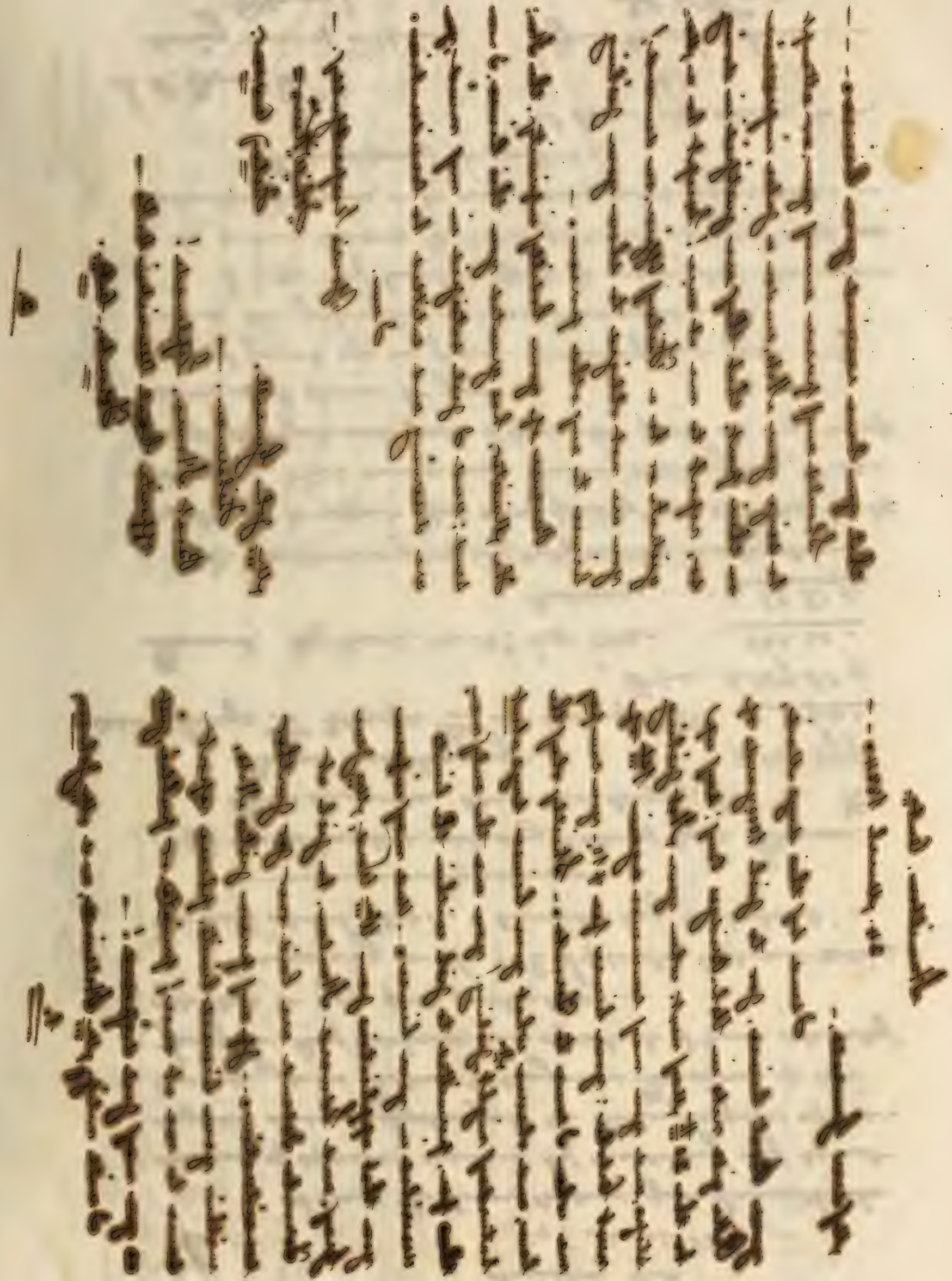
I finish up, in peace, harmony, and good will towards the Fishermen, and all concerned. —

I hope my humble efforts to accomplish some good in the future, towards the better protection of these most valuable fisheries, will meet with approval. —

Respectfully Submitted.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.—
W. H. O. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Beasley Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa! —



[illegible]

[illegible] 24. March 1824. —

In consequence of Mr. John Gould's
[illegible] which happened to him when
actively engaged fishing around [illegible]!
The Hon.ble The Senate has been pleased to
grant him a license to sell 1000 gross of
Tobacco sale, in Retailing Way, — and
in the Town of the said Township,
which to the Retailing Ways and in the
Parish Way, but of a like same from
the said Township which was the
Eleven Retailing Ways — [illegible]!
His license is given with 20 pr. Cent. security —
Another license will be issued for the sale
within same limits, with Tobacco sale Ways —
Pls. give please your speedy [illegible]
Pls. will oblige a friend Yrs Respectfully
[illegible] Retailing, [illegible] Township, Yrs faithfully
[illegible] Retailing Way in 3 Months in [illegible]
[illegible] of Tobacco [illegible] from Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] Way from the Township from the expect-
ant. — I give notice of the foregoing Way
appoint this day, one Month in my Remarks, —
I am Sir — [illegible] one Month engage in the
sale. — I [illegible] Division of Your —
Town Way! — Pls!

242. Pls. Fishes from [illegible] 21. Dec: 1824.
They caught 1,32,540 whole weight of Fish,
and they engage 117 Boats and Engs.
1,624 Hds. in all 114,457 Pounds Eng. and 8,
Pls. Hds. valued at £72.12.8 in selling
them. — I am sent for both your Division
of the Foreign Bay Fishes. —

Since the usual disappearance of Fish at
Sea. — Does Mr. King Jones, wish to Fish
Ground for with it? — what is your Price
— of the Pounds Weight!

Will Pls. [illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] Ground Half. —
[illegible] [illegible] —
[illegible] — Whole Engs.
Hds. [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
24 March 1874

Sir

I am directed by the Minister of Marine & Fisheries to inform you that he has received your letter of the 20th inst. applying for a license to fish with a Seine net in Lake Erie, and in reply I am to say that he has referred the matter to the Fishery Officer at Port Dover, with instructions to issue a license to you on your complying with the Regulations.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Secretary

Hamilton, Ont.
24 March 1874

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I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Secretary

Hamilton Ont.
25th March 1884.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you in behalf of Thomas Mansfield of Frenchmans Bay Township of Pickering for a Boat License to fish 1000 yards of Nets & gill net in the Bay at Frenchmans Bay, Bay up to, and ending on 24th May next. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license at the rate of $10 during the period specified. —

Respectfully submitted. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

L. O. Bouchette Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Pickering Station
25th March 1884.

Dear Sir.

Robert Hewitt Esq.
Commercial Office
Hamilton
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.

25. March 1894.

To

I have the honor to apply to you for a license in behalf of Mr. F. R. Rogers of Thorold; - To be for a Line 120 yards long, in Lake Ontario, at Red Creek, in front of Lot 12, Beach Front Concession of Thorold, during the current year.

We Recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same at the usual rate of $4.00.

Respectfully submitted, -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Wm. Kerr

Deputy Collector

L. C. Rowell Esq.

Collector of Customs,

St. Catharines. -

Hamilton, Ont.

28. March 1894. -

Sir: -

I have the honor to apply for a License for a Fishing Net, to be used in the waters of Lake Ontario, at the mouth of Red Creek, in front of Lot 12, Beach Front Concession of Thorold, during the current year.

I also make application for a License for a Gill

Hamilton Co. O.
25 March 1854.

Sir—

I have the honor to apply for your grant of a license to keep a ferry boat at the mouth of Deer Creek in Lick township of this county.

I own a boat suitable for such ferry & such boat will be in Lick township, in front of my farm on the Ohio River, at the foot of Main Cross street, township of Clinton, & will be ready for use from the first day of April next to the first day of November next, during the usual hours of ferriage.

And also the privilege of taking a toll not exceeding ten cents each, in Lick township, in front of said ferry during the time I may keep the ferry aforesaid, for the following persons & articles, to wit:

I request that you will be pleased to grant the same!—

Respectfully Yours.—

I have the honor to be.—

Your Obedt Servt—
D. W. Kerr—
Ferry Owner

To
S. F. Breckenridge Esq
Acting Com: of Clinton—
Ohio!.

Mailed these Season Notices!
For Herrings, Bass and Mackerel
From 15th April, to 15th May.—

No.—

2, Chester M. Harris, Port Lac
2, D Cameron, Killarney.
2, Jos Gabriel Jr. Desmaraux.
2, Rich Gillett & Jordan, Station C.P.
2, Isaac Mosher, Low Banks
2, Peter Nath. Port Dalhousie
2, Jas: M. Mackie, Brantford
2, James Cartmell, Niagara
2, Thos Hamilton Stafford
2, Emily G. Keith, care of
Thos: Keith, Niagara

Dated 24th March 1874.

Copy!!—Jno. W. Foster—

Fishery Inspector
Hamilton

Copy

Supply!—

Hamilton, Ont.
25. March 1874.

J. W. Kenney Esqre
Ridgeway.—
Bertie P. Office.—

Hamilton. Ont^o
28th March 1884.—

Dear Sir Kenney!—

Since I saw you — the early of Hamilton, some time ago; I have had sent me by J. and C. Noble. Fishermen and Fish dealers, of Killarney!— Returns of Boats and Gill nets fished by them in Georgian Bay, and also the quantities of fish caught during the year ending 31st of December 1883.

Now as regards the fishing of the Pound Nets, — near Killarney last spring for Chicken and subsequently the fishing of the same Pounds at Capt. Smith, — (1. Pound net), and at Cross Channel 2 pound nets, —

The Messrs J. and C. Noble — refer me to you for all particulars, as you had the buying the Pounds nets, and every thing connected with them in your charge, and under your control. — I will therefore thank you to furnish me at once with returns for year ending 31st December 1883.

1. Fishing Licence
for year 1884

Now again that of $20, — due by them for fishing 8 Pounds at Sandy Island, in Georgian Bay, it must be paid forthwith.—

Again, it appears to me very strange, that I thought you fished a Boat and 12 Nets, at Sandy Island, Georgian Bay, and caught 6000 fish, fa, white fish! and fa Trout, you never recommended me to refer to this matter in one form or fine mutual communications! this is not the course for any friend of mine to adopt towards the Fisheries department, Ottawa! who have already treated you with so much Kind consideration. — —

Knowing every thing, I have declined reporting until I heard from you. — — I got as far as Port Erie, on yesterday; intending to go up to Ridgeway, and see you, and talk to you! but some thing, some inward mind caused me to come home; and write you. —

You have taken your case with me!

Yours Tr. — J. W. Kenney Esqre

Wellington Hotel Lett
J. Duncan
Chem. Office
Hamilton.

28. March 1884.—

My dear Dr: Hector!

Yours received & read
down the a/c to Otaua: being 9 miles
the miles: it looked up 251 miles.—

On my return Home last evening found
Skagen, and Fort Cris: I found a small
memorandum from the Comst: stating my
arrival: thus: I have received to day Cris.
the £37.50 f". I believe he is a good man
"but his account is not all extravagant."—

I hope to be able to get up and see
you perhaps on Monday.—

I posted on the Hamilton and Bell
Station Railway on the 12th inst. on
my way to Wellington! I met by the
way of Manawatu — and the next day I
came home by the same route. — Re-
entries in the station to your duty! for 19 years, 10
months 12 days. I have finished it. I have always
met in the most upright! Your faithful servant

1. Fishing Licence
for year 1884.

Mr George White.
Fisherman.—

Whitby. P. Office.

Mailed on
28. Mar: 1884.

1. Fishing Licence.
for Year 1884.

Mailed on
28. Mar: 1884.

Hamilton. Ont.
24. March 1884.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to apply to you for the
for the following Boat licenses for year 1884.—and
I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased
to grant the same, as soon as convenient.—

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1. Alfs. Abbott, and Charles Bell, of Niagara, Fishermen,
"For a Boat license to fish two yards of 3½ inch mesh,
"Herring gill nets, and 2.500, yards of 5" inch mesh, White
"fish gill nets, in Lake Ontario between Stephensons point
"and two mile creek; which is in the County of Lincoln.—
"whenever Seine fishing is stopped for the season; gill nets
"may be fished, as fow as the deep hole, situated ¼
"a mile out from land; at Kennedy's Holes!"—
The amount to be is,— $5.00

2. Joseph Masters of Niagara Fishermen. "For a Boat
"license to fish 1200 yards of 3. or 3½, inch mesh; Herring
"gill net, and 2.500 yards of 5" inch mesh gill net — do,
" do. do. do, amount.— $5.00

3. Robt John Allen, of Niagara, Fisherman! "For do,
" do, do, do" amount, $5.00

4.— John Bolton and Charles Bolton, of Niagara,
Fisherman: "For a license to fish 2. Boats. 2400 yards,
"of 3"— 3½" inch Herring gill nets, and 4,000. yards of 5" inch
"mesh gill nets, in do do" amount, — $10.00

Respectfully Submitted.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,—
D. Gillmore
Deputy Comm.

S. B. Bronkhurst Esqre
Acting Com: of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!—

Hamilton Ont.
19. March 1884. —

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for the
fishing privilege in the Niagara River and respectfully
request that you will be pleased to grant — Lease
to Mr. Henry Haynes Sheppard of Lewiston of the
same; for year 1884. — Thos. —

In that part of the Niagara River, between the
wharf at Lewiston, and the Black Rock Ferry in
the Township of Niagara. —

For the privilege of fishing with one Seine 620 yards
in length. — Amount to be Rs. — $10.00

No fishing whatever to be carried on, between
6. o'clock, on saturday night, and 6. o'clock, on the fol-
lowing Monday morning in each week. —

I may inform you in connection with this appli-
cation, that 18. mos ago, when I took charge of
Lewiston fisheries for Henry Sheppard — the lease of
the present applicant, who resides in his house from
fishing limits, was in a water place on the bank of
Niagara River, above the fishing ground. — —

I am, Sir, in the owner of 20. acres of land, on
applicant farm. —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedt Servt —
Wm. W. Hamilton
Fishery Overseer

H. O. Commissioner
Dominion of Fisheries,
Ottawa. —

Notice to the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners...

Sir: Take notice that I intend to apply to the Commissioners of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park at their office in the City of Toronto on Saturday the 26th day of March next at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon for a lease of the following lands, that is to say:

All that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the Township of Stamford in the County of Welland and Province of Ontario and bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the point where the Niagara River intersects the boundary line between the Township of Stamford and the Township of Niagara; thence southerly along the said boundary line between the said Townships of Stamford and Niagara to the point where the said boundary line intersects the Niagara River; thence northerly along the Niagara River to the point of commencement, containing by admeasurement one hundred and fifty acres more or less.

Dated at Stamford this 20th day of March 1894.

Yours &c.,
[illegible]

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Dated at Stamford this 20th day of March 1894.

Yours &c.,
[illegible]

Hamilton, Bermuda.

22. March 1864....

My own Girl.—

Yours of 26th ult. reached me this morning. I have not time to write my report, but you may be sure that the points mentioned to Lt. Hazlett shall be attended to. A copy of my report... but by it you will see that Hazlett has nothing! We expected he was going to visit Mr Hazlett to ask her to. Bless you... I am thinking and much love to...

I send you in the other cover a copy of my report, and also it to my parents!—

What do think! I met Kate yesterday & took her with me; I am so much about the Girl!—

My pen is getting worse, but I can't write you, but I am for the mail: only time for much love & kisses: they are a good [illegible]

I am Lieut. [illegible]
Yours Lovingly.—
[illegible]
Adjt Gen
Dept Gen Insp Office.

P.S. Have you caught any Rats yet? Any girls, this you get?—
Yours &c.
[illegible]

Copy.

Hamilton, Can.
25. February 1854. —

Sir. —

I am in receipt of "Copy" of letter from Messrs Frank Wyatt, Esq. Lord. 12th inst. County of Lincoln, to J. C. Rykert, Esq. M.P. with reference to fishing rights in 20. mile creek, and the state as follows for your information; —

On 18th of July last, — the Mayor of this City of Hamilton; Mr. Frank Wyatt, then worthy Warden of Lincoln, talked this matter over with me; and it was then arranged between us, that Mr. Richard Gilbert should enjoy the 20. mile Creek fishing rights, & that the 20. mile Creek fishing rights should not be granted away more by such application! — Mr. J. C. Rykert will when I commence on this subject, best you agree with me; and did not then grant a similar application. — —

I may here report, Richard Gilbert Esq. M.P. is fully, and has been as for years, in the fishing as a business, has a large family of children, his eldest daughter, a young woman,

Sir

died recently which we must grieve his very much. —

I am convinced Mr. J. C. Rykert will not interfere in injuring in any Dick Gilbert in his business by advising you to take his fishing license away from him. — —

When a person runs as applicant I as your Fishery Overseer, feel it to be my duty to carefully investigate, and lay his case fairly before you.

I beg respectfully to recommend that you will be pleased to show this report of mine to Mr. J. C. Rykert, and I may here assure him, that when Richard Gilbert receives the license to fish in 20. mile Creek through his instrumentality, it not with the approval of many fishermen from Lincoln, to Burlington Beach. — It is a support for himself and family." —

And I recommend that it should not be given, nor transfer be taken away from him, as was with our support. — I have. &c. —

J. O. Rykert Esq. M.P. — John W. Kerr —
acting Inspector of Fisheries — Fishery Overseer
Ottawa. —

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
29. March 1884.--

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No 465.
for the sum of Fifteen dollars.—
Will you be please to apply this amount, as License
fee, for this current year of 1884! as follows:—
1. Jas. Hyatt, of the township of South:—"Ont to fish one
"Seine net, 250. yards long, in Lake Ontario, between the East
"side of Rattlings farm, and the west side of the Humble
"Run: the same being in the Township of South."—
"and also the privilege of fishing 500. yards of Gill
"nets for White fish, in Lake Ontario, in front
"of said limits, extending outwards from the shore, for a
"distance of 3 miles"— amount is..... $ 5.00/.
2. John Alford of Niagara, fisherman:—"Ont to fish a legal
"White fish Seine 270 yards long on fishing station, No: 13.—
"in Lake Ontario, township of Niagara, as established by the
"Local Governt, and approved of by this department, and con-
"taining about 400. yards. Lake frontage".——
"Salmon, and smelts white fish, when hauled in, must be
"instantly liberated alive".— amount of license..—$ 10.00/.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant
these licenses at your earliest convenience.— And please
insert the protection clauses.—

Respectfully Submitted!.—

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—

S. P. Bennethan^{re}
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!.

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.—

31st March 1884.—

Mailed for the information of the Fishermen, this day! "Close Season Notices" — for Bass. Pickerel, and Muskinonge!!... "From 15th April to 15th May." "Thus!!— and 5 inch mesh White fish Gill nets.———

F.	1. J. W. Ramsay.	One of each, —	Ridgeway. — Bertie P.O.
F.	2. John Bolton.	do. — do. —	Niagara. — Ont^{o}.
F.	3. Francis Portreus.	do. — do. —	Port Union. — Ont^{o}.
M.K.	4. Alex Wilson.	M.K. do. do.	Ridgeway. Bertie. Ont^{o}
F.	5. W. H. Black.	F. dealer. 3 of each. —	Collingwood. — Ont^{o}.
F.	6. Charles Nurse.	M.K. 2. 1 of each. —	Humber House, Mimico, P.O.
M.K.	7. C. Mac-Neal.	M.K. 1. of each. —	Port Colborne, P. Office
F.	8. Thomas Heatherington.	do do.	Lasalville. P.O. —
F.	9. Thomas Mansfield.	— do. do.	F. Insp. Dunbarton P.O.
—	10. Emily C. Elliot.	3. 1. of each. —	Niagara. Ont^{o}.
F.	11. Thomas Joyce.	1. of each. —	Bronte. Ont^{o}.
F.	12. George White.	do. do. —	Whitby. Ont^{o}.
F.	13. John Hand.	— do. do. —	Grimsby. Ont^{o}.
F.	14. Patrick Hand.	— do. do.	Mimico. Ont^{o}.
F.	15. J. B. Murdock.	do. do.	Murdock. P.O. — do. —

Have given directions to Post them, so that Fishermen and all others concerned may know the law and observe it... I paid postages on each!—

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer. —
Hamilton, Ont^{o}

Hamilton. Ont^{o}
31st March 1884. —



Private

J. C. Beaucharge Esq.
acting Com: of Inlands.
Ottawa!

Hamilton, Ont.
31. March 1884.

My dear Mr. Beaucharge

I was in Toronto today; when I heard that Patton is to be reinstated! or has to be reinstated!! otherwise! He Hon. Mr. Frank Smith: and Thomas Long, ex. M.P. for Pattons brother-in-law will raise a fuss!.

Unlikely things have come to pass!

My own impression is there will be a bigger row if he is reinstated!!. -

Patton is very indiscreet. for some time before he left Collingwood. previous to his last visit to Ottawa: he made threats what he would do: when he got restored: what he expected then he would have been; through Mr. Walter McCarthy M. P. -

Personally I have nothing to say against Patton! he has never come in contact with me during my recent enquiries made in his division of Georgian B.' whatever I may have said or done or not! was all done, for, express and clear bound as a matter of duty! -

I will be able to report on Gillies 20. mile pond business on tomorrow. - -

And I understand the Toronto, are exclaiming against favoritism - And having to fish 1000 yards of Pike gill nets in Collingwood Bay. this spring. and intend to apply to you to stop it. through Mr. Smith. M. P. -.

When this is done I am prepared to take the field! I have things set and dry. - and I am ready to report -

J

[illegible] Gen. Gordon. I am not
[illegible] I [illegible] of these
[illegible] Gen. Hancock
[illegible] Gen. Hancock
[illegible] Gen. Hancock

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
2nd April 1884.-

Sir.

I am in receipt of copy of letter! to The Honble The Minister. F. F. from Frank Wyatt. Reeve of the township of South! referred to me for report.---

I have now to report! that I fairly, and justly, made my former report to you on the 25th of February last, giving facts connected with this case, and hoped I had then satisfied the Reeve of South, on the matter! it now appears, so far as the Reeve is concerned he is acting the hypocrit.---

The Reeve in his letter. To.- The Minister states!

"A Petition of a large number of the propety owners living ad-
"-jacent to the 20 mile Creek Pond, lying within the township
"of South, having been presented to the Municipal corporation, township South,
"praying that no license be in the future granted
"to any person or persons; for fishing with nets in the
"waters of the said 20 mile creek pond".-

"Therefore the corporation of the township of South,
"considering the prayer of the petition just and reasonable
"would pray that in future no license be granted to any
"person or persons for fishing with nets in said waters."-

Signed "Clerk Emore".- Signed - "Frank Wyatt"
Clerk.- Reeve.-

The Reeve of South. Frank Wyatt, in an application to me. for a license to fish in Lake Ontario, dated St Catherines, 27th March 1884, and which I sent and recommended may be granted, on 29th March last, reads thus!

J. W. Kerr Esqre Dear Sir.-
P. & Inspector.

The people about Jordan. have been trying hard to have Gillnets license for the 20. mile Creek Pond, taken from them, I have had to
S. P. Bennet Esqre
stating Com^{r}: of Fisheries.-
Ottawa! -

"write to Rykert and the South Council were petitioned
"with regard to the matter on Monday last."—

"For my part I have no wish to see my friend Gilbert
"deprived of the privilege of fishing in the 20 Pond, and am
"confident you will not advise any change at present."

I remain, Yours truly.—
Frank Hyatt.

"You have the case now fully before you!
How sudden Revd Frank Hyatt, changed his mind,
between 24th and 27th March!.

Moreover! I called on J. L. Rykert, Esqre M. P. at St Catherines, on yesterday, and in conversation after I shewed him Hyatts letter, he kindly told me he would not interfere, to have the Net fishery of 20 mile pond, taken from Gilbert.—

I may tell you, the Petition, I heard was got up by two Men, for Spite, to the South Council; after 3 weeks canvassing up had only 26 names to it.—

I have to recommend with the concurrence of our Worthy M. P. of Lincoln, who will I hope be at his post in the House of Commons S. Day!.— That the 20. Mile pond not fishery: which is a support for Richard Gilbert, his wife and five children, be not now, nor be hereafter taken away from him! and that the Owner, he has already received to not fish there, for this present year, be, and remain in full force and effect.—

Respectfully submitted.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

(2.)

Private

Memorandum / for L. A. Sweetland Esq.
Acting Com. of Fisheries —
Ottawa / . . .

I was in Toronto, on Monday last when Mr. Michael Doyle, Fish dealer, placed in my hand the Toronto News of that morning, from which I cut the attached article for your information! I may here tell you that up to Monday, Gunsolle had not commenced to pick his Pike fish nets. — So much for the News article!!.

As soon as I received from you, Gunsolle's license! I notified Mr. Hallowell and Mr. Johnson; of the fact. — Johnson informed me the Toronto Gun Club; of which he is a member would write to John Gunsolle Esq. M.P. for East Toronto, to have Gunsolle's license cancelled / you will have to take Mr. Johnson in hand /.

Yours respectfully, —

D. W. Kerr — P.O.

Hamilton, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
24. March 1894.

My dear Johnson! —

Mr. John Gunsolle, fisherman, Toronto, has received a license for a fish 100. yards of Pike fish nets in Ashbridges Bay, to the East, from the end of Greenlaw's wharf to the Grand Trunk Railway Bridge: and in Lynde's Bay, East of a line run from the end of Greenlaw's wharf, to Mr. Charles Pickering's shanty, which you can see the spot /.

This license will be in force during this present the 20th day of April. —

There will be no other Pike fish nets licensed to any one else, to fish there during this year. — —

Please govern yourself accordingly.

Yours truly. —

D. W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

W. Johnson Esq.
F. Gunsolle. —
11. Clarence street.

Ew Liewen!

Ew Liewen!

Ew Liewen!

Ew Liewen!

Hamilton Ont.
3rd April 1884.

As reported to you on Memorandum of the 24th March last as regards Pound nets fished last year in Georgian Bay, by J. B. Noble and J. W. Ramsay Esq. — Ramsay.

I got hold of Mr. John W. Ramsay, here on yesterday, and I am now in a position to report to you as follows: —

Pound Nets! —

1 Pound, fished in Owen Channel, 100 rods lead each, worth, $1000.00
1 Pound fished in Cape Smith, 80 rod lead, worth, " 300.00
5 New Pounds, they were not set nor fished, worth, " 1500.00
"Two" are 100 rod each, and One is 80 rod, total 280 rods
4 New Pounds, procured last fall, ready for fishing, worth, 2000.00
"Three" are 300 rods lead, and One is 50 rod lead. 810
Total No: of Rods, 810. — Total value of Pounds, $4800.00

Boats, &c.

One Tug Boat, worth $2800.00
One Pound Boat, " " 200.00
One Steam Pile driver, " 375.00 " eyelets — $3375.00
Grand Total $8175.00

Total quantity, and amount of Fish caught with one Pound, set in Cape Smith and with two Pounds set and fished in Owen Channel. Viz — during year ending 31st December 1883, —

115, Barrels of Herring at $10. per barrel, = $1150.00
115. Barrels of White fish, at $10. per barrel. = " 1150.00
115. Barrels of Trout, — at 10. per barrel. = 1150.00
Total. — $3450.00

S. P. Bennett Esq re
Acting Com: of Fisheries. —
Ottawa!.

You will please observe now by the statement here-with, that the quantity of fish caught during the year ending 31st December 1883,— is as follows:—

Lbs.

The amount of fish caught and pickled. ₰. 11.539.—
" Amount of fish caught and sold fresh.— 90.370.—
Total. ₰. 101.909.—

The Material used in fishing was 3 fine!.
119. Boats and Jugs.— 246. Nets.— valued at. ₰. 39.585.—
1624. Nets.— 11½. 457. Rods.— " " 33.709.—
11. Pound Nets.— valued at.— " " 4.519.—
dead!— Total — as for 1883... ₰. 77.813.—
7. Pound Nets.— Not fished.— 3.500.
Total... ₰. 81.313.—

I used every means within my power to get these returns from J. W. Remey,— and I have now succeeded at last.——

Lbs. the returns are correct I have not compared them with the previous year returns of 1882— but I have endeavoured to make them all out correctly.

Respectfully submitted.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Phill Fox
Fisheries Officer.

P.S.— This is fine!!!.—

Private!

Memorandum! for S. P. Rowell Esqre
Acting Com^r of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!———

I send you this day,— the last return, and quite on for obligatory division of Fortune Bay for year ending 31st of December 1884—

I hope it will prove satisfactory and late as it is! to you at least.——

I sent my report on Thos Wyatt's Rivers of Lunenburg Co^y letter against poor Gillett,—

I wish to Jno, you would put your foot down! and take for Clerk, Jno Clerk, and this Minister, and Municipal Councils! who are also under the direction of Local Government— Toronto— to mind their own business!!.— I am getting heartily tired of their arrogance! — I will send you Wm Johnson's credentials off— on tomorrow!.

Yours

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Yours

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Where I suppose every day will have his day!.

A Big snow storm for last 2 days: 3 inches deep, on the level. — I have not seen a white fish, this season yet. —

I hope you will allow me to come to Ottawa! after the House rises!! I want to talk with you!. I am! —

Yours respectfully. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton Ont^o
3. April 1884.

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Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton Ont^o
3. April 1884.

P.S. Wm Johnson, before app^d J. Guardian, was Messenger in Local House of Assembly. Toronto!

J. W. Kerr — J.P.

Hamilton, Ont.
3rd April 1884.---

Sir.

In obedience to your Order, I saw Mr. William Hanson, Bishop's Guardian for Toronto Harbour and locality, on last Monday, and I instructed him, and he has since made out the enclosed Incidental, and diary Account up to, and ending 31st March 1884, amounting to $31.95, which I now submit for your perusal and consideration.---

Of this amount, $1.00 is for making Seizure, and 50¢ is for telegraphs which he sent me.

I may here explain to you, that about the time Mr. Johnson was appointed, learning that George Laing of Leslieville was then fishing Pike gill nets in Ashbridges Bay, without a license; I instructed Mr. Johnson and Sergeant and I pleased it for him, what he would do, to catch Laing; and Mr. Johnson, did catch Laing! and he has caught no one else since;" He did a quantity of gill net Pike, was found in Laing's possession; and he was summoned up, before Colonel Dennison, Police Magistrate, Toronto, on 29th of October last; I was present at trial; Johnson was there, and gave evidence; Mrs. Mary Terry, - fish dealer, who bought 10 Pike from George Laing, was present and her evidence was taken, and although Laing was not convicted, nor fined; the Pike were confiscated, for order in Council dated 28th August 1870.- The Pike had the mark of gill net mesh on them; with which they were caught.---

Mr. Johnson was actively engaged to my Knowledge from 24th to 29th October last, he has made no charge except for $1.50¢.

All the other items, amounting to $30.45¢ are submitted to you, as they are; it rests entirely with you to decide, if such trips are necessary, and should be all paid for.--

Respectfully Submitted;
S. P. Bunsett Esq.
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

I Have the Honor to be.--
Sir.--
Your Obedient Servant.--
Wm. Wm. Kerr.--
Bailiff.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
4th April 1884.

Sir

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft, No: 493.- for the sum of Eight dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:-

1. Edward Worthen Esq. Niagara:- To one Lobster not reduced) licence received for fishing in Lake Ontario near four mile Creek township of Niagara for year 1883- and delivered! but only paid now.-- $5.00

2. John W. Ramsay. Ridgeway.- "To a licence to fish "a seine net, 200 yards long in Lake Erie; between "Point Pelee point, and Point Abino, township of "Bertie, and County of Welland. the amount is to "be five dollars. for this current year (1884) I now send you on account.---(Send me licence) $3.00

Total.-$ 8.00

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clauses in your Ramsay's licence; and send it here as soon as convenient.---

Respectfully Submitted.---

I have the Honor to be.-
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.-

S. O. Bunsett Esqre
Acting Com^{r} of Fisheries.-
Ottawa!.

Private!

Hon. Sir.

Your private despatches are just received!: — Many thanks!!.

I sent you a Note of my Georgian Bay expenses on the 24th ult. amounting to the sum of:- $ 157.51¢.

Received from you on

18th September 1883. £ 100.00

Balance - $ 57.51¢.

I have no blank diary forms in my possession at present, and only few incidental forms. —

Will you be pleased to order a supply to be sent me! and I will make out Georgian Bay a/c for you at once. — I finished up, and left you last Return on yesterday! — Cf. me

S. O. Ramsthorpe

Acting Com: of Fisheries. —

Ottawa! —

the Canada note - given by J. & B. Hobbs. J. W. Ramsay Esq., and the quantity of fish caught with pounds during year 1883, —

J. W. Ramsay who has charge of the Canada note, after a good deal of following some here and some on their Canada net returns. — —

Since I wrote you to-yesterday, I took a glimpse at the Blue Book for 1882, - page 217, - and I find the recapitulation of all Kinds of fish in Georgian Bay, - was $162.261, —

Now the statement I sent you for 1883, - for Collingwood division amounts to $181,909. leaving a balance of 19648. - to be made up from Owen Sound and Pilleys divisions! — From the way the returns are usually made up!. I am convinced the Market value of the fish, have been depreciated about 1/3rd.

Yours respectfully, —

Hamilton, Ont. (John W. Kerr. —

5th April 1884. Fishery Overseer.

Hon: Wilmot Wilson, M.P.

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Hamilton, Ont.
5th April 1884.

Dear Sir —

Yours received with $5, reduced license fee, for Sand landing ground in Lake Ontario township of Niagara for year ending 31st day of December 1883. — I have sent your $5, to the department, Ottawa, this day. —

If you intend fishing this present year, I am instructed to inform you that all license fees at Niagara, will be $10, payable in advance. — For Year 1884.

With Kind regards to you, and yours, — Believe me as usual. —

Yours truly. —

D. L. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Mr Edward Wootton,
Niagara, —
Ont. —

Hamilton, Ont.
5th April 1884. —

Yours received! there will be no change in "Fees season" for Sam. Aikens, and Blackburys this year! It is just the same as it was last year. — See Notice I send you

If nothing happens, you may expect me at Dover, on Monday, by the Train do leaves here about One o'clock, p. m. and you write please, sind for Mr D. Sharp, Fishery Overseer, Port Dover, and have him at Port dover, when I arrive! he wants to see me on business, and I want to see him! and you want to see us both. —

With Kind regards to you and yours, Believe me as usual! —

Yours Sincerly. —

D. L. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer

W. M. Aldersen Esqre
J. P. V. V. V.
Port dover! —

Hamilton, Ont.
5. April 1864. —

Dear Miss Mayfield!

Pike are not sketches. Pike are white in frost! Sketches are pink when in frost and a very separate fish they are to a Pike. — You can very easily distinguish between the two fish. I sent you home for Pike yesterday! you can find up to the 24th Inst. — I hope this note satisfy me please you!! — Be angel and don't break the Law. —

With Kind regards, —
I am —
Yours sincerely. —
J. W. Hall —
Fishing Amateur.

P.S. Miss Mayfield. —
Fishes —
Frankenstein Prof. —
Dalhousie College —
Cook —

My dear Miss, —

[illegible] at any time you are collect the money for Pikes and send it — [illegible] giving me the Names of the [illegible] to whom I am in front of the [illegible] when [illegible] intends [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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1. Seine Licenses.—
Station No. Niagara.

Mr. John Mefford.—
Fisherman.—
Niagara. Ont.

Mailed on the
7th April 1884.
at Hamilton.

1. Seine Licenses in
Lake Ontario, South
of Pt. Louth.—

Frank Wyatt Esq.
Keeper of South.—
F.— F.— F.—

Jordan Post Office
Ont.

Mailed on
7th April 1884.
at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
7th April 1884. — —

Sir —

I have the honor to send you herewith, amount of expenses incurred by me during my recent investigation into "Fishery affairs of Collingwood Division" of Georgian Bay fisheries; full particulars of which I have already made reports and returns of; and submitted to you; —

This duty commenced on the 16th September 1883, — and ended on the 2nd April instant. —

By account and diary, you will please find that I have travelled while employed on this duty; 2918 miles. —

The total amount as per diary in duplicate herewith, amounts to. — $ 150.12 cts.

Add. 1. John W. Kerr, — for Telegraphs. — " 3.64 " —

" 2. John W. Kerr — " Stationery. — " 2.90 — " —

" 3. John W. Kerr — " Postages. — " 1.40 — " —

Total, $ 158.06 cts.

Deduct, — By Cash, received 18. Sep: 1883, — " 100.00 "

Balance! — $ 58.06 cts.

I beg to submit the same for your information, and consideration. — —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
Thos W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Bennet Esqre
Acting Com^{r} of Fisheries,
Ottawa! —

Hamilton, Ont.;
7th April 1884.--

Sir.--

I have the honor to send you herewith, for your consideration and approval, my account of expenses incurred for travel, while engaged on active duty in the Hamilton Division, for the month ending 31st March 1884.--

The total amount as per diary is,-- $67.55 cts

Voucher No: 1.-	John W. Kerr.-	In Postages.-	" 2.50.-
" " 2.-	John W. Kerr.-	" Office Rent.-	" 5.00.-
" " 3.-	John W. Kerr.-	" Telegraphs.-	" 1.30.-
" " 4.-	John W. Kerr.-	" Stationery.-	" 2.71.-
" " 5.	Emma J. Kerr	" Boat hire.-	" 13.00.-
" " 6.	Fred'k Kerr.-	" Boat hire.-	" 11.00.-
		Total.-	$103.26 cts.

In submitting this account for your information, you will please find I had occasion to travel only 968 miles, on active duty.-- The other duties were necessary for the protection and preservation of the fish, in B. bay, and the Dundas Marsh.- -

Respectfully Submitted.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Bancet Esq[re]
Acting Com[r] of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.-

Port Ryerse, Ont.
7th April 1884.—

Sir,—

I have the honor to submit for your information and approval, my diary and travelling expenses incurred by me in the active discharge of my duties, as Overseer of the Norfolk division of Lake Erie, during the Half Year ending 31st December 1883.—

Per amount as per diary &c.	$36.00
Add: Rowboat 1 D. Shaft, Cotages &c.	1.00
" " 2 Jas. W. McCall, for one salmon	15.00
Total.	$39.00

Respectfully submitted,

I have the honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant.—

Fishery Overseer.
Norfolk Division.—

S. O. Beardsley Esq.
Acting Commissioner
of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Hamilton. Ont^{o}
8th April 1864.

My dear Sharp, -

I send your returns herewith for your signatures, and receipts in duplicate for $£$ Balc. to sign, - go before a Magistrate in your own locality make affidavit to your disp^{n} - sign letter for S. P. Bennett, - and put all in official envelope & mail at once! -

Now as regards same salary that Knighton had, write a letter at once, on the subject, and I will send it to Mr Bennett for you, and I will recommend that you receive it. -

Every place you find your name pencilled, write it in in Ink, - and then mail at once. - I see by Toronto Mail today - The Minister has introduced a New Bill. -

I have some things to write you about, as soon as I get leisure time. -

Yours Sincerely. -
J. Gunn. -
J. Gunn.

D. Sharp Esqre
J. Gunn. -
Port Ryerse.
Ont^{o}

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
9th April 1864.---

Sir,-

I have the honor to state for your information, that I communicated your decision to a former application of D. McCarthy of Toronto, desiring to give him a license to fish two Grounds, Nets, at Christian Islands, for a year, for good and valid reasons! —

Mr McCarthy in acknowledging the receipt of my communication now applies to you through me, for a license to set, and fish! —

Two grounds for nets, on the Bay shore of Georgian Bay! between Point Cockburn, and Eden Point, which is the eastern shore of the township of Tiny.

One Ground net has a limit of 25. Rods long. —
and the other has a limit of 80. Rods long. — Each Bay applies with eight pots. 16 feet square: —

I submit the Petition, and I recommend his application for your consideration and approval, as the annual rate of 40. for grounds, for year 1864, is the rate I believe the fishermen applied for to fish in, is in Mr Samuel Thomas division - Muskoka. —

Respectfully Submitted. - -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir: —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John Wm Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Smith Esqre
Acting Com^{r} of Fisheries,
Ottawa! —

* Applies in advance! —

Private!

Hamilton Cat$_{co}$.
10th April 1834.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours of the 1st instant was duly received; but I was unable at the time to give you the information you required! however, I do so now! better late, than never! — Thus! —

1. Station. Outer Bay. Turkey point. is Mrs Ferris. & her son Charles Ferris.—

2. Station. Outer Bay. Turkey Point. — is Frank Jackson!.

3. Station. Outer Bay. Turkey point. — is. William Stellmer. — —

4. Station. Outer Bay. Turkey point. is. William Smook. —

5. Station. Outer Bay. — Turkey point. — Wm Stellmer. —

6. Station. Outer Bay. — Turkey point. is Charles Ferris. — —

7. Station. — Outer Bay. — Turkey point. is William Smook. —

8. Station. Outer Bay! — Turkey point. Frank Jackson. —

9. Ex Main Land. East of St. Williams Harbour. — is William Stellmer! — D. B.

10 do East of Stellmer is — Charles Ferris, — Ex Bay.

11. Ex Main land. East of C. Ferris — is Wm Stellmer. — 2. Series. do.

12. West of St. Williams Harbour is James Corbolt. — — —

13. — West of Corbolt. — Indians are I understand fishing!! —

I obtain the above empires the — loss of Seals fishing at Turkey point during this present year of 1834. —

Yours truly. —

S. D. Woodruff. Ex^{o} Fishery
St Catherines. — Ex Engr.

Hamilton, Ont.
10th April 1884....

Sir

I have the honor to remain for your reply of letter, dated 21st March 1884, addressed to Chief Justice Sir Highland Creek, - but informing him: "The following applications will have to be for further consideration: -

William Ward, yeoman, James Gray, and Edward Hanlan, for licenses to fish at Toronto Island;"
Charles Brown, for Lake and Bound not licenses in Humber Bay!" -

Since receiving this letter from you; I have seen Mr Mitchell and we have talked this stand over application! and it was settled between us that I was to address you in a respectful manner on the subject:

In the first, take William Ward! - Mr William Ward is the only surviving son of the late James Ward, of Toronto Island; who up to the time of his death; had occupied the fishing seine hauling ground, upwards of 40 years; that his son now applies for! one which is in front of his valuable property in the Bay, near the gap! - Of a very large family of sisters, and brother; besides our Uncle a fisherman! - -

The Uncle was drowned at Hanlan's point, the father died suddenly - the daughters 5 of them, are scarcely together by the upsetting of a sail boat off Ward William Ward's mother, and his brother Daniel; who resides in the City of Toronto, are the only members of the Ward family alive! -

William Ward is the last surviving fisherman of about 60. I found on Toronto Island about 40 years ago, when I took charge of the Victualler.

I. O. Kennedy Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa! - -

He has charge of the Life Boat, which is on his property, just below where he resides. He also resides a couple of hrs in Toronto Bay last year; for a while, the Minister of Marine handsomely rewarded him. — Another valiant act in saving life! he has been badly rewarded! —

I therefore respectfully recommend that you write to please to grant him the Silver Medal for saving the most human life of 10 drowned

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Now! as regards Mrs Jane Gray, — her life has been a very sad, and trying one since her late husband was drowned in Toronto Bay about 3 years ago! — from that time to this great misfortunes have befallen Mrs Jane Gray. For Jane being an extremely strong woman, though bodily disease and bodily infirmities! she is only able to move about on crutches, or is wheeled about! and to add to her misfortune! she got worse in the House and broke her right leg. — And to add to her many troubles, her Husbands half brothers and Sisters went to law with her, took the Toronto Island lease property, and had it sold! she got her share of it, — and the Lawyer (Roberts of Toronto) did everything, Except to succeed to take her money £800. six houses, on corner of Bathurst and Sherbourne streets, Toronto, from her! & but failed! & —

Mrs Jane Gray, — the Widow of James Patrick Gray, a Fisherman on Toronto Island, who the late Mr Patrick Gray married her! & — Due to all the other great misfortunes! Patrick Healey, an old Fisherman; in his service as a Fisherman for 10 years, drowned last fall, some place east of the gas on Toronto Island. —

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Mr. James Jones has a small cottage situated on the fishing ground! Hunter's point — Grants Island! — and in this cottage; she has spent her summers and part during the winters... It has been a fishing shanty or cottage for upwards of 30. years! the fishing grounds in Lake Ontario, is the same she has occupied for upwards of 30. years! jointly with Mr. George Duncan, the Light Keeper! who he fishes, and the late Denis Ward! and for the privilege, each pays for leases for, annually. —

In my part, I see nothing to prevent Mr. James Jones occupying the fishing ground under the lease, at the usual rate of $10. payable in advance!

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this lease for year 1884. —

It will never do to cast Mr. James Jones away, when she is old! and when her strength failed!.

The fishing grounds on Grants Island, and it's vicinity lastly! though cryed to the Harbour now in progress! and though Grants Island Bay Ayr. or in a low state at present. — Nebulous!! —

Now the large amount of Lime paid by the Mr. Has on Forge, every year past. I remain — with the usual application for your favourable consideration! — —

Next now as regards Mr. Edward Hanlan; his case is different — —

With reference to the application of Mr. Thomas Stiles, resident on Lake Ontario, at the Harbour, I most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant his application for the fish — but he noted hereon and resides in Lake Ontario, in front of his own premises. — He has no boat!.

Next I also recommend that having held

Dick!

[illegible] Sept.
11th April 1864.

My dear Friend!

Your welcome! Dear not
surprise to hear from you, that 200 yards
of your Pike gill nets have been stolen!
I advise you to take good care of the
balance!. - Be busy on the hunt of Pike
both, you should be around your fish
nets all the time! both by night and day!
taking the Pike out of them! just as fast
as they gill... I will come down some
evening next week, and search the marsh
all over for you; and I will help with
gill net & gain illegally fishing! - Do
dont despair yet. - Find J. Bright like them

But I must have a good man to
help me all round! - I wish I could
get Riley Montgomery.... he was
of his thought some of a hand
steady:.... Don't make known a

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away from your suspicions of the man
round who stole your nets!.

How to show! of I give them out, ex-
cept you!! no person, has any right for
to fish gill nets in Kalkaska, or in Co-
unty Bays!.

Perhaps the citizens have taken your
gill net. - Sometimes! men they! do very
strange things! Keep a good look, ready on
hand for me! and have my goggles all
ready! - I must reach your place with-
the week, - and do not say to any one!
that I am coming: no that you have
written to me any thing about your
nets; or of Pike being stolen out of the
other gill nets, -

Your truly, -
D. Hall. -
per John Smith. - D. Hall.
Kalkaska. Mich.
Express: opposite the mercantile
store. - Hall. -
Mich.

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Copy....

Toronto C.W.
April 11th 1864....

Dear Sir

[illegible] the Pets was stolen last night—I think (Sam) George Lange knows who is the thief of Lalime—ought to be arrested—I feel a very sad about it....I am getting discouraged. I can see no end, and it is a pity the only way I had of making a living is to take from out of his hands; if he was strong and able like other men, it would not matter, it is to [illegible] for him to make a living for himself let alone for me too; it seems as if people that work hard, has more chance, than those who try [illegible] to make a living.—. There is a few about the Station doing anything for us; as I have lost all friends of Large.— They might [illegible] after the fishing is over.—. I suppose it is the opinion that the parties who took them; [illegible] to have them over after the fishing is over....
If the Bosses, constable, was [illegible] to look after them, I think he would do what was right—he is a very obliging man;— Please let me know, what is to be done!.—

Yours respectfully.—
Signed [illegible]

[illegible]
Sidney Crossing.—
Hamilton C.W.

Hamilton! Bahs.

Lr.

16th April 1819.—

The copy of Lr. just receive from Mr. Jones, enclosed a Petition from Thos. Mc Donald to present to you a Mr. Mc Donald of fishing rights in Gallways Bay &c. and from to you that people assume rights from the Crown for the purpose of fishing, this fishing property must be established by Act of Parliament

The Petitioner states, that he has to fish Shark along the coast, and that he claims privileges and other specific powers for carrying on such fishery, and that under such pretensions many persons, who have got licences from him, are fishing in the Bay of Galway, and that by persons who have not got such licences, and illegal purposes; that he pays rent, when he has privileges to fish &c. that the fishing of salmon & Pike is a distinct property from that of Salmon & other fish, and that Salmon & Pike are taken in the Bay of Galway by persons who have not got licences from him.—

The fact is, I am not aware of any such privileges as those claimed by the Petitioner, nor am I aware that any person has a right to fish for Salmon & Pike in the Bay of Galway, without a licence to do so.—

I am Sir &c.

Secretary Bd. of Fisheries.—

Dublin.—

Yesterday you sent 1000 yards of Silk ribbon net, and in
addition to your orders, I repeated the same order:
due to your promise granted John Jewett, a Book di
count to fetch 1000 yards Silk ribbon nets. V. V. V.
I give you all the facts, and I am sorry once to say
out your orders, or furnish what many do. —
Now I write you 4 or 5 several times for promptly
the thing or things to mention. — The person who
sells these ribbon nets was first shown to Miss Wright,
for you and the Minister. I don't purpose going to
to get information that will assist the Lines. —
Enquiries in and about Toronto, at present the
Jews Rise about — Cheap and Single commerce, on
to do any life. — Something such a step — my
Friends Lee to go in debt for the Hats. —
Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be —
Your obedt Servt —
Jas. Wilson —
Sidney Cooper

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Dinah

Remember for L. P. Smith's
daily box of Tidbits —
Letter . . . .

Jim when we actually — positively
I shall Jim Robertson —

I remain you most devotedly, he is me ! —

But

What on you think of Newton the engine
with which we Wm Robertson Abercrombie,
Doctor Johnson — Simon ! and B.L. Bingham,
M. Curran — Rufus King ! Lord Erskine !!
to dinner ! my B.P. which for you presume
me Jim Bingham — appointed in his place,
all day one — you've a & the Lots of
Albert Lodge. — Jim Brown got lots of
eight letters in the office, remain to Bingham
he knew the Lord ! at my Address on
good I sent the letter to Jim .... to you
will please them. Jim should to write

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the only leader of the singing party. I have had
great many letters, given me by Romans &
occasions by reading over the B.L. Bingham.
Jim by the think, "you"! the minister has — Jim
left before the House ! I hope it may be pleasure
to your country.

I understand the Queen will be over this week;
Wilson (Lord ?) sent on his Compliments, with his
compliments ! if he is not welcome of Liverpool
he ought to be ! — Jim never come here yesterday
in Rydens ! after dinner yesterday they we walked
there. I was really glad to my account for
never there I laughed, pain for — I wished
him with ! — I am not clever in one of those
speeches he have come there, he was here to pay
me for mine; remember ! . .

Jim was in under question —
There is some pain in the stomach of a cabbage
there like water, — in the glands pain of time.

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I think 30 young Salmon out of one large fish here in Hamilton and 26 out of another that were caught in the Nets and being the sons by John Davis Fish Inspr.

Black bass, more no formula of his — No fish more for Trout or Salmon. Yes.. Yes.. Yes. perhaps so! — I wonder when and where!

While it is sunny reflecting that if you are not mistaken! there — thing — true! —

It would have been more creditable for Lemuel Wilmot, and for Canada, had he kept his tongue in his cheek about Mr Whitcher, and personal spleen, in England allusions of that sort, no one cares for! — and amongst fishery officers in Canada, one fisherman "Estimate of him: Wilmot[s] — — no people: no no — — fishery, here no opinion, and no one entitled to any — in fact. Now, then the Act of 1868 I know my views absolutely, I think — my suggestions, if I have a mind. — Oh this miserable sound

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with a Book!" I believe it — fish — are the guide as opinion. — —

Sir, — mine! — in — law!! I — going to Ottawa, as soon as it — that you have got charge of the fisheries — the Ministry by this New act of 1868. —

"I hope the F. apartment has no power for printing this Pamphlet." — — — the fact of being — this before — eyes: I see — Lang on this Canada, at the — Exhibition London 1862 — — —

Quick!-

[illegible]
[illegible]

My dear Friend, —

Your wife's letter is received, and I have made a copy of it, and sent it to the Victoria agent, Ottawa, reporting your loss to the minister and I have asked for instructions. — —

After my experience before the Dept. of Ind. Affairs, I would not be surprised if he has again given an order this year, to the Secretary of his, to keep your letter private! — Such my suspicions prove true; they will have to pay you for such an Unofficial of matters for years! — with expenses!

You know you have, and no less rights in Ottawa as against the Minister. The minister decides in favour of getting you — since he files [illegible] Ref. K. upon your [illegible] of the year [illegible] of your Treaty! —

application to his by letter. — —

Some ignorant people imagine it was I, who granted you the Treaty, when in reality I have no power within myself to do so — Only as Chief of the Band. — I always stay my duties, but I care for no man living. — Those people may lie about me their fate [illegible] put me aside. — But as soon as you get a due! let me know, and I will apply to the department at Ottawa, and get an Order for the supply of Rabbits, supplies & Twine for the use of Treaty, and a grant to bring you back. — K. has promised you one for you! You shall not [illegible] Chief: the minister will not refuse you! neither can he. — [illegible] give you one for me! Yours, K. K.

My dear Friend — Hoping to see [illegible]
Believe me, Yours, —

Hamilton. Ont.
15th April 1884...

Sir...

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank Cheque. No: 522. for the sum of Twenty five dollars.—

Will you be please to apply this amount as Rent Lines granted by you: for the fall year on Lot Colonial in front of the township of Niagara N. L. from Stephenson's point, and the Queen Street, in the present year of 1884.— Viz:

1. Miss Jno. and Charles Bolton. Niagara:—
Lines along main, and minor Street, Lot No. [illegible] ... $5.00
2. Joseph Watts. Niagara... do... ... $5.00
3. Albert and Charles Bell... do... ... $5.00
4. Lines West. Niagara: Two lines of [illegible] Lot No. 20 now in possession Lot No: 19. as willed by the Queen to appear of, by this representatives in the Colonial, in the township of Niagara: containing about 330 yards Lake frontage.— The rent for this present year is 2 L [illegible] last year $5.00

Total... $25.00

Will you be please to insert the particulars; and send me Cheque for the Lt: Governor of your select services.—

Respectfully Yours!—

[illegible]

Your Obedient Servant—

[illegible]

Deputy Queen—

L. V. Rousselot Esq.
City Treasurer
City Hall
Toronto!—

Marine Office
15 April 1814

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Pass for myself, Richard Allen, of Niagara & Gill, with Gill Lewis 200 yards boy, to fishing Station No 17 situate in Lake Erie in the County of Niagara; as soon as the Enemy are appraised of by this Contract; nothing that Gill, your Lake Vantage! must is to be. Gill.

The Pass is to be for four 1814...

I have the honor to apply to you for a Pass for two persons: Gill & Gill with Gill his Gill boy on fishing Station No 17 - situate in Gill your Lake Vantage, the one being situated in Lake Erie, in front of the Township known as Gill of Niagara! - must it be... Gill.

I assume that you will be pleased to grant the Pass; as most Gill the Gill stations; as to procure you! - are sent to me Gill!

Respectfully Solicited...

I have the honor to be...

Sir

Your Obed Servt. —

Richd Allen —

Fishery Agent

S. B. Beardsley Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries —
Ottawa! —

Headquarters Camp
15th April 1864.

I have the honor to apply for you, for a Leave of Absence for thirty days, on Surgeon's Certificate of Disability, which will be forwarded by the Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac.

My address will be Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

Lieut. Col. 17th Regt. Ind. Vols.

To
Brig. Gen. L. C. Buell,
Adjt. Gen. U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Hamilton Ontario
15 April 1864

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a
license for the current year, for which I enclose
Twelve Dollars, and shall be happy if the Terms of
Mr. [illegible] & Co's Lease which limit their
Operations to [illegible] will admit
of my doing [illegible] Lake Ontario, Burlington
& Niagara: nothing of course, Lake Superior.
I have the honor, for the current year of Prov.
& G. Freights in vessels. —
I am to be pleased to hear in this behalf
by [illegible] shortest time as I have an
engagement. — —
I have much pleasure in remaining &
Sir your [illegible] obedient. —
Obedient Servant. —
I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servt
[illegible]
Collector of Customs

J. O. Merrill Esq
Deputy Inspr of Revenue
Quebec

Sandusky, Ohio.
15. April 1864.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a
License for the current year, to sell Goods, Wares
and Merchandise of Foreign growth & manufacture
which fact I can prove by ... Filing herein
No. 11. affidavits of Loss with such other proofs
as may be required by the Internal Revenue Laws
of the United States; stating that I am a
Citizen of the United States; residing in the City of
Sandusky in the County of Erie and State of Ohio
that I have not sold Goods, Wares and Merchandise
as aforesaid for the term of three years last past
and that I have not now in my possession
any Goods, Wares or Merchandise upon which
the Duties have not been paid.

Will you be pleased to send the particular
Class in the List under which I am to apply
for a License.

I remain Sir your most obedient
and humble Servant.

Respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Deputy Collector

S. A. Smith Esq
Deputy Asst. Collector
Fifth Dist. of Ohio.
Akron O.

Hamilton, Ont.
15th April 1900.

Sir

I have the honor to apply for your
a Crown Grant for Iron Lode of Mineral
to Join 1500 yards of 5th mile road, 600 feet
wide; and 60 yards of Trail road, thirty feet
wide in Lot 6th; Eastern Extension part
of the 4th Range; which is in the County of
Lennox!-

Where Iron Pitch is appear on the surface
and may be found up on the Lot
about 1/2 a mile on from the Road; Signed,
in part of Mineral Claim.--

The sum of Fees for is to be $15, for
the search for, payable in advance.-

I understand the fee will be paid
to grant the same.-

Respectfully Submitted.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.-
[illegible]
Notary Public

[illegible]
Notary Pub: of Ontario
Ottawa.

Public Notice to the Negro Fishermen.

Notice by means of this Notice is given; that any of the inhabitants of the Province of Victoria, is strictly prohibited by law, except under Licence or Licences from the superintendent of police and Protector. —

The fee is £10 - each and application of such are made! — Licences will be issued every Monday... I invite the Protector, who appears to be acting the part of a spaniel, to take this notice into immediate consideration, and grant licences for such fees! And grant licences for 1844... The Licence Fee of £10 must be paid before Licences of Boat, property to be issued!... Do not come to the office more than once for your licence! Failing to comply with the rules of the police!!! Your boat will be seized!!! —

Melbourne. Police Office.
16 April 1844.

Memorandum for A. C. Russell Esq.
Notice by means of Licences. —
Notice! —

Many thanks for your Jones Forge, and the Law Opinion. — Come forget the Guinea! — Forgive my Fisherman - no like the Jews of old! a Guinea, but scientific people! — By the numerous applications for Licences from Negroes; and not £10 - you will know that some effective Notice or Law ought there! Pay on Monday. — I am sure there on Monday have again ready! If be right to Council, that I will endeavour to give out something that Fishers will like pay only. — My Friends will of by you on your Law Office, will be at Council Office. —

Yours Respectfully. —

Melbourne. Police Office.
16. April 1844.

Hamilton. Ont.
17. April 1884.

Sir. -

The copy of letter attached, I received from Mrs Gerrard, wife of John Gerrard, a disabled fisherman, at Toronto, with request to you to grant a portion of the fish. reg. applied for in Gibbings Bay.

The Ministers order, as I am to fish, should not command respect, and obedience; and as I believe should prevent, and deter disaffected persons from exercising legal privileges to fish; more especially in case like the present, where Pike are not now being taken by a similar fishery. -

Thousands of Pike, are now being shot in and all over the entire of Ontario, while playing and spawning and nesting; and in Gibbings, and Georgian Bay, as I have been told; by owners of Gun Clubs, and Gun Clubs; illegally hunting, in the usual manner; and also by persons who rent out Boats for sport, like parties; which is from one, when you have privileges to fish under license; is threatened; and the Pike gill nets, have been stolen from the waters of Gibbings Bay, a place where thousands of Pike, Bass &c. people, were killed last year, and during previous years; by persons forced into the waters of Gibbings Bay for Spawning here Eggs, as already reported to you from time to time by me! -

The law to fish in Nets, - is about to undergo, one in fish & nets to considerably more.

I trust you herewith copy of a Petitioning letter, I received through the Post office here, this day. - Mr Gibbings. I spent nearly all last night

S. O. Russell Esq
Minister of Marine.
Ottawa! -

an Oblidged Ruf: I am I hope an honest!-
a shooting Eye soon cleans me!-
I will Expl a this calamity, next wh
Chiefs south, and take care of, and protect
the Indians, and myself in the mean time.-
I am with most respect.-
I have the Honr to be,
Sir.-
Your Obedt Servant.-
Military
Indian Agency.

Copy!-

Toronto, April 10th 1844.

My Dear Sir.- Sir.-

If you value your life,
Keep from Toronto Matters! and save your
family from going into mourning.-
Leave it by Steam mail!-

Milwaukie. Wisc.
21st June 1844.

Sir:-
I have your favour of the
Enclosed account for printing
Indian Treaty, I have paid
same, and charged it to
Indian Department:
I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt.-
[illegible]
Indian Agent.

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Indian Agent.

Dinsdale

Hamilton, Ont.
19. April 1864.

My dear Sir.

Will you be pleased to give Captain Langton, of the Rifle! who commands and drills my cadets the Atlantic last steamer; and mention from him for me? the enclosed note to be ready waiting on his first trip from Collingwood to Hilary, as I wish to go with him. --

I have been requested by the Militia department, Ottawa, to obtain this information from you; so as to appoint a Gentleman in Lake Superior to meet me, at Hilary on the arrival of the Rifle. -- Will this regard, be you and yours! Obliging me so much!

Yours Faithfully. —

Dr. Rankin Esq.
Lake Shore. —
Collingwood, Ont.

Wm. Dixon Esq.
City Engr.

Wm. Dixon Esq.
City Engr.
Hamilton, Ont.

My dear Sir! —

In answer to your letter of the 19th inst. with enclosed note to the Officer commanding Rifle Company at Collingwood, I beg to say that I am glad to hear of the formation of a Company in connection with the Militia of this Province! — I hope it may flourish!

You are at perfect liberty to make known, that you are under the protection of the Militia. —

The Rifle uniform is the same as our Regt. that I refer to! —

I am with kind regards, —

Yours, Faithfully. —

Wm. Dixon Esq.
City Engr.
Hamilton, Ont.

Wm. Dixon Esq.
City Engr.
Hamilton, Ont.
19. April 1864.

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[illegible] $10.00

[illegible]

[illegible] $10.00

Total $20.00

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Private

My dear Jim

Yours of 18th rec'd, & many
many thanks for your kind offer to
advance to you!- There is Florida, Alabama
Illinois and Iowa- Lots of Land
and Florida; for last year 1853.-

Land Warrants for Illinois and Iowa are
plenty for last year 1853. and the Illinois
Land Warrants for the current year of 1854.-

I suppose! you will pitch at the best,
and under that impression I applied for
your Land Warrants for that ground.-

I have not, and I will never be applying
for a Warrant of any Kind for others until
after the passage of the Bill: I have declined
a lucrative offering on the part of
others!- many men in the prime of life
stand 'in fear of finding employment, and
go to ruin by idleness. I will never become

[illegible]

[illegible]! for I have declined
[illegible]. I am not dying for you, nor others,
to remain at Quincy & be a slave!-
I do not want the $ 10.- you sent me;
you owned to you, and Yours, Please send
Mine to the Post Office for mine!-

Mr. Sargent for my name V. in Your
City.- Send me my papers up there; my
150.00 and your me $150. for extra duty la-
bour! and better write the Secret. and me a
Stamp for the stamp.- Besides my incidentals
for the last quarter is about $ 80 more. in my
own Division (and when Navigation opens I
am under bonds to go up to Nauvoo,
you! - and send charge a Team of me,
I have to look a Team for the use
of the Navy Dept. charge it and in making
the [illegible] my own division (- Nauvoo,
[illegible] the use of and
my people or yourself - and pay them!-
I may take you your [illegible] by

S. P. Campbell Esq
Commissioner of Police.—
Ottawa!—

Please note I am delighted
with Constable Jas Scott St Clements,
Killaloe— has done— he might
get them on steady— steal from
here at 6 a.m. Sunday morn-
ing— on this days date.—

Yours
Riley Brennan

Hamilton
26. April 1894.

Private and Strictly confidential

Dear Brother Clerk.-

I am under Orders for Killarney - just as soon as Navigation opens! I have written to our friend and Brother Mr. John Rowland, Glebe Road, Collingwood.- to ascertain from him when Captain Champlain leaves on his first Trip by the Pacific, as I want to oppose the Authorities at Ottawa! -

Will you be please to find five dollars herewith! which you will please hand back to our friend Mr. A. Carmichael.- It would not be right that he should pay any more than the other Boat Fishermen! -

The department has also become by towards me! for all my expenses and your own Cheque of 150. -

I had a letter from D. Lennox,

1.

of Killarney. last week. -

I believe Captain Joseph Wilson of Sault Ste. Marie, will be your Engineer at Killarney. - I go there to meet him, and he will have his orders from Ottawa to meet me! when I arrive, and will explain to him all that has happened up there.

I do think it desirable, that you or Mr. Post, or both should be at Killarney when Mr. Wilson and I, are there. -

Think it over! - and Keep your own counsel!!.

Dine with my warm regards to Mrs. Clark and your dear Sons! -

Believe me as usual!

Yours fraternally. -

J. Lennox

Wm. Clark Esq.
Fish Inspector. -
Collingwood!

Hamilton Ont.
21. April 1884.

Auction Office.
Niagara Falls...

Sir:—

I have the honor to send you herewith No: 936. for the sum of Twenty dollars.—

Also you be pleased to apply the amount as follows:—

1. James St. Walker. Keeper Chippewa.—Assessment of Licence to fish in Lake Ontario, already received: & now sent for year 1824.— $5.00

2. Albert Dewey Niagara: Renewal Licence fishing Licence in Lake Ontario at Niagara: during the year 1823.— now sent.. $5.00

3.— Albert Dewey— Niagara: For a Licence fishing Licence in Niagara, for year 1824. "Lake Ontario" to be the same as last year. the amount is now sent & to be for second year.— $5.00

Also.. $5.00

Also you be pleased to send me Licence for Dewey for second year.—

Respectfully Submitted!—

I have the Honor to be...

Sir:—

Your Obedt Servt—

Niagara

Wilkey Crysler

L. C. Bamfield Esq.
Collector of Customs,—
Queenston!—

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you please me to send them again
to Henry Jones! — Yours!!! —

As you oblige me, you will
be pretty well as usual! I am to see
a Lion fight, always satisfies with your
being!!! . . .

Hugo Reinagle Esq! I beg a
$2½. for the Bill, — no other bill as long
you ought in Hill Street, at Niagara. . . .

Niagara, ought by — pleasure, in the
Main water! by the a Bill for 6/.
for your Bill. the answer! and the
another Niagara Falls in New York, for
18/. for your Bill! —

Niagara the same only Bath
water: and up a high as 6/. for your
Bill! —

Thus am of the state only Niagara
Niagara Falls Bill! —

I have a day for Monday — Monday
I am a day here for May the Jackson. the
Bill! the gray — . . .

for you as the picture. —

I am you this day: might for the
$20.17/. — the Bill only that you.
for your Bill I am to me; as the
same same as Henry this day: a
publishing Letter as — ! —

May I am you as your Notice
this! — as as for the Please to as
— a copy of the New Bill Act. — —
as with most respect. —

I am as usual! —
Your most obliged! —
Christ Church. — —
Rev. W. Kemp
Rev. Angus
Hamilton. Canada.
29. April 1829. —

Mentor, Ohio,
Dr. ...
26. April 1894.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Road License to pitch 200 yards of Horse gate mats, each, in Lake Erie, in front of the Township of Mentor, one County of Lake, during the month of May 1894, - as follows: -

1. Milton Hunt, Painter, in front of part of Lot No. 6. Mentor Front, Township of Painter, the amount is only to be Two dollars. - -

2. Joseph A. Lange, Painter, in front of the west part of Lot No. 5, one in front of Lot No. 9. one H. Mentor Front, Township of Painter, the amount is only to be Two dollars. -

3. - Jacob L. Lange, Painter, in front of Lot No. 13, Mentor Front Concession, Township of Painter, the amount is only to be one dollar. -

Please insert the foregoing clause in each license. I presume that you will be pleased to grant the licenses. - Respectfully submitted. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir -
Your Obedient Servant. -
J. L. Wright
Deputy Engr.

L. P. Burchard Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa! -

[illegible]

25. April 1889.

[illegible] of application of [illegible] citizens for a license for my [illegible] to Canada: The said [illegible] Canada [illegible] the City Limits of [illegible] City, during the current year of 1889; [illegible] this Court can Grant Such License for the "Western Shore of the County of Cass."

I have now the honor to report the application [illegible] upon the attached [illegible] I have received from the [illegible] on the subject...

I respectfully recommend the application [illegible] favorable by you at once...

To you as Chief Justice I owe the [illegible] of which during my term expires & under the Statute dependent upon appointment by you [illegible]...

Respectfully submitted.

I have the Honor &c.,

[illegible]

Your Obedt Servt.

[illegible]

Judge County Court

[illegible]

S. C. Smallwood

Judge 2nd Judicial District

Ottawa [illegible]

Newton Cty.
25. April 1849.

Lt.

I have the honor to report for your information that on Sunday last the Cherokee Troop of Cavalry
I gave a [illegible] furlough
a day or two to the Men and on the following
day in the forenoon Tobin which the men
after eating! - Soon after I was told, by the men
who were there; Tobin was not to be
then Tobin in his possession which he was charged
after eating! - It being Town Court for Pickens
I assigned them here me. It being their duty
for Pickens; and I gave them out for 24 hrs in
St Cherokee Jail: they of course plead guilty. - -
I believe them! never then to take what is not
theirs: and felt no more with Town Court for Pickens
against! this they promised me, they would do. -
I would therefore respectfully recommend that you
be pleased to furnish the Jail to which the men
[illegible] for [illegible] prisoners. - [illegible]
from one jurisdiction; and it might be an act of op-
pression to strictly enforce the law against them. -
Since the above Tobin was confined at Pickens
I have learned the present charge on which Tobin
will [illegible] from up and down the Road at this place
without stopping! - none Horses - not even a Dog in the
place! - One is being about 2 p.m. in the day. -
when Tobin Keeper, could not be induced to give
him regularly, one a day with a dinner. -

Respectfully submitted, and recommended for your
consideration! & you wish of regiment would be good

I have the Honor to be,
Your Obedient Servant. -
Phil W Keese -
Orderly Sergeant.

L. A. Chastain Esq
Acting Asst: of Cherokee! -
Athens! - -

Hamilton. Cal.
26. April 1884.—

My dear Sheriff!—

I have some days ago!
that you have printed! a. Steam. S. Night.
and Forge stocks!!— To a fish fike fish
"rate; and other fish rate within your license
"limits in the Bay!"— When the license was
given to you by the Fisheries department. It
was, in the first place! it was a gross de-
ception, being a huge fraud. It made suits
for to be resulting for them!...

Those people I refer to, must now at
once take up their Pike and other fish rate,
or they must fish any more without
a license! please tell them from me: that
they must apply to me at once, and pay
their money,— and I will send it to the
Fisheries department. Ottawa, and get up
license immediately.— Yes! please do—
choose to me publish!. Yours. K.
My Sheriff.— (Victoria
Victoria Bay. } City Cal.

Hamilton. Cal.—
Mysdear Mr White!— 26. April 1884.—

Your telegraph was received
here during my absence.—

In reply I must tell you once for all; for
the information of all messengers, officials—
people! that there is no "Close season" for
Pike!!— under your license you can fish
for: and catch Pike all the year round.

Ignorant people: who imagine they are
just catching a fish! are mighty clever
thinking! are magicians Pike! and a
certain is fake and impostor!— Stur-
geon is a valuable fish: a most expensive
item in the Pike! but is also of the
finest, taste and flavour.— Kill as the
Pike you can, and make money by them!
Will you give me the particulars of
what time is your Telegraph to me!—
Still Kind regards!—

Yours. K. F.

Victoria
City Cal.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. April 1874.

My dear Sir!

Any person or persons applying for license! please collect the money. Take them yourself, and fill in name & Post Office & name & Prop. of saloon & send up!

I have stated for Port Colborne 3 times, and failed to get them!

Yours truly,
H. Kirkpatrick
Deputy Treasurer

C. Stephenson Esq.
Hotel Keeper,
Port Colborne,
Ont.

My dear Sir,

When you do please to send me a receipt, the usual amount of your license stamp for year 1874. I will apply at once, get up your license and send it to you.

I hope you, and the other families of your family, are in the enjoyment of good health! and wish my kind remembrance!

Believe me as usual,
Yours truly,
H. Kirkpatrick
Deputy Treasurer

H. Stephenson
Hotel Keeper,
Port Colborne,
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. April 1874.

Hamilton, Ont.
28. April 1884....

Sir

I have the honor to receive copy of appli-
cation, since Hamilton, 10th December 1883 - addressed
to the Hon: Minister of Marine, and Fisheries -
Ottawa! -
from Thomas H. Archer, Lasting, County of
Wentworth, Ont and Jesse Ketchum Lasting,
and eleven others! together with a chart of cer-
tain property in the Township of East Flamboro:
thereto which a small portion (not shown pro-
perly) on the property of John Allen, and Thos
Fallen! two of the applicants!!.
Thus!.

Sir. - "We the undersigned citizens of Hamilton,
"and County of Wentworth; respectfully request that
"you will cause to be set apart for our use and ben-
"efit, for planting purposes only, that portion of the
"Stream known as the Watercress Creek, lying between
"the 4th and 5th Concessions of the Township of East
"Flamboro, in this County, and more particularly
"described as per plan herewith, conformable to
"the regulations of the Fisheries Act, in such cases
"made and provided".

In reply I beg to report, that as the marking of the application does not conform with section 15. of the Fisheries Act; I cannot recommend the Minister, for to grant the application in its present shape. -
The Law distinctly says! - "The Minister may au-
thorize to be set apart, any river, or other water
for natural or artificial propagation of fish. R. S.

J. A. Chamberlain
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa! -

See a case in the Act, section 15, - "Persons may land for sporting purposes only."

Executed by you, and the Fishing department, Omit me to say, that private rights should be respected ... I cannot see by what warrant this Clause from that; to apply to the river, to set apart, the Spawning Grounds between Gathin and John Allens, from passing over the Rights of Riparian Owners, for Spawning purposes; without their permission and consent first had and obtained ...

This from that, how a Letter, comes to the Law, to remain dumb ... Have I obtain your Ruling my views, unless advised by you to do so.

Respectfully submitted &c.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]
Bailiff Ranger.

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Memorandum for Lt Commdr
Maj Commissioner of Fisheries
Ottawa.

You are to be and are hereby
directed on the said Steam yacht or tender
aforesaid, that the Crew thereof are to
aid your Assistants in carrying out the
Hatchery, &c. and the Duties of same. I
telegraphed you, I am always ready for the
Work. And when you Orders are
ready I will be prepared to start, and
meet Captain Jos: Wilson at Kincardine, just
as you proposed and order me. I have
all the documents you referred to, on
hand, ready for the trip. I am sorry
another Steamer will sail in a few days.

I sent you my report today, on the application of J. B. McKeand, Chas: St. Rec[illegible] for
the Station [illegible] set apart for use [illegible]

Copy for signing Requisitions
of the Inland Revenue & the Customs Dept.
one or more of each sent from Ottawa expressly
for Vessels Use, so as to be in a position to
report on the Fish Hatcheries of Canada. Also
& the Marine Dept. Steamers.

Please check for & sign Fishery Acts.
& see that all Licenses &c. &c. are
given for. The New Act. Have you the Fishery
Acts?

Mr Low: Please send me a copy of the Customs
& Revenue, giving me what is required, same as
has been sent to Inland Revenue Dept.

I wish also to remain this Week!
However, as yet I have any one with whom to
Consult in Regard to Fishery matters, I will return
to Ottawa.

Will not put.

Your Obedient Servant.
Hamilton, Ont.
22. April 1894.
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
1st day of 1884. -

Sir. -

I have the honor to report for your information
I procured a Pelican Bay. in front of Lakeside.
east of Long Boat Home. which it appears is all within
the City limits of Toronto. - where I supplied for and sur-
veyed & platted four different pieces of Pike gate note
amounting in the aggregate to about 200 yards. -

Just after I found the last piece of file mentioned above
Archbishop of Toronto. came up to me in a Boat
and desired to be shown some of the pieces of the new
I was engaged fishing. - The first piece of file
not I found, I was two hours & 30 minutes finding &
digging. - I found some Pike. but just. Enough me
spotted two in the file while I was in City of
Toronto Constable, who accompanied me in the search
for the file nets on the occasion. - - -

I was informed by a person who was present on the
last mentioned that fishing Inspector Mr. Johnson. Toronto
visited a file net. in Pelican Bay. but he has not
yet reported the fact to me. - - I have since of file
net fishing has been illegally carried on this year -
three weeks, one of Mr. Inspector Johnson. by-
laws, but I am the city, it could not have hap-
pened. - Hon. Archbishop, was an applicant for
a lease (this year) for fish in Lake Ontario. Bathurst
Mr. Mr. Skinner, turned to him the lease; he signed
to take it - pay for it. -

Respectfully Submitted! -

I have the honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
[illegible] -
Fishery Overseer

S. B. Archbishop
Hon: of Toronto. -
Ottawa! -

Hamilton, Ont.
[illegible]

I have the honor to enclose you herewith Acct. for the sum of [illegible] dollars.

You will be pleased to apply this amount for this season's (1879) [illegible] as follows:—

1. Main Line. Canada Shore. [illegible] Line to fish in Lake Erie, at the [illegible] [illegible] Creek and Colonel's mouth [illegible]

Respectfully Submitted.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
[illegible] 1889....

Sir,

I have the honor to receive from you copy of Petition from the Toronto Gun Club; addressed to The Hon: Minister, with instructions to report to you thereon!

In reply, I beg to report, with regard to the Prayer of the Petition, that the Game Law Act of the Province of Ontario, makes no provision for such an organization as "The Gun Club, Toronto,"... that "In the protection of Game, and the encouragement of field sports, and Trapping, and the preservation of Game Laws generally."...

In connection with a thorough sportsman, as Toronto is well aware of, and who is an honorary member of this Gun Club, that is visiting [illegible] the colony, some notice of this [illegible] you not just the same as private persons; that you, are like [illegible] out of season!; and be sure I am of this doing anything the Rifle Club, or opposing the fishery laws, as Solicitor Dep. of the Gun club, is also member!

And during the past 9 years, I am not aware of a single case, any member of this "Gun club," has been instrumental in bringing to [illegible] for violating the Law....

Dear Sir,-

The Gun club etc! - Has for the interest, your Petitioners, in the Province of Canada generally, has enjoyed fair sport, and "free fishing in Canada Dep. and Solicitor Dep."

In answer to this part of the petition; the Gun club is only about 7 years in existence! - I admit myself the fishing has been good; as the Petitioners assert in Toronto Bay, and Solicitor Dep.

And I agree with the assertion of the Petitioners; for during the time that I have had charge of the Fisheries of Canada Dep. H. B. with the assistance of our worthy Toronto fishery [illegible] fishing was most plentiful, more so than [illegible] however, such was never more numerous; than just now during last month; the days were for short, and [illegible]

[illegible] Fisheries.

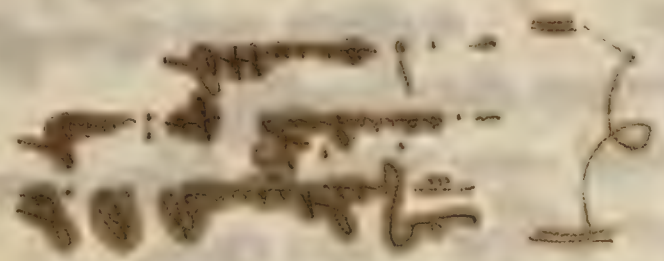
Ottawa! -

Hamilton Ohio
Sir
27th March 1862. -

I have the honor to send you herewith, Draft on
Mathew for the sum of Ten dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply the amount for this sum
and you. Ob. se Hble Servt. - -
A. August Schumacher. Hamilton. Butler Co. Ohio
Subscribes for the
Daily Telegraph Weekly Telegraph
Weekly Herald Semi Weekly
Tri Weekly
Will you be pleased to send me the Daily Telegraph for
the Daily Herald for the Weekly Telegraph
Tri Weekly Herald for the Semi Weekly
Telegraph and the Herald to the Post Office
Hamilton, as the papers to be sent for the Weekly Herald
Weekly Telegraph. -

I have the honor to be.
Sir -
Your Obedient Servant
A. August Schumacher
Hamilton
Butler County
Ohio



Dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. A. Russell, Collector, Gilmour, asking me this! I write off this mail to Mr. Gilmour, to get Russell to come to Kilmarnock & meet you, after you have arranged the matter together. Do you not better write Mr. Gilmour yourself.

I may now state for your information, that I attended meeting here on morning of the 8th inst. with Mr. Hollingsworth, and on Tuesday 13th meeting at Kilmarnock of the Dept. Supt. Inspector, & the 8th others! You will see I did my best to please you! and this I hope will be sufficient for you to get Russell to come to Kilmarnock, and settle matters between you! Good bye for present

Yours truly

D. Gunn

Dear Sir,

I was in Toronto, on last Tuesday, — heard you were there also! tried to find you, but failed! — Met accompanied by Mr. Brennan, and Juniata proceeded to Ashbridges Bay, and there found, between Long Boat House, and Swales Creek, four pieces of Gill Net, set, in all, say about 300 yards. There was about 40 fish in the nets, — Pike, Sunfish, Sparkers Bass and Eelfish. —

Your friend! Thomas Hollingsworth claimed 3 pieces out of the 4, as his property, and I know who owns the 4th piece of Gill nets.

I saw by the Toronto papers, that Wm. Johnson, seized several hundred yards of Gill nets in Ashbridges Bay, but he has not reported to me! — However! I know all about it, from a reliable source! —

I am [illegible]



being drawn in Steveler Bay.— I presume for C. Parrai Pound! — Has he got his Pound net license? — I know he has —

I wanted particularly to see you; for I was candidly told, that during no previous year, has so much illegal fishing been carried on! as there has been during this present spring!. —

Now it reflects little credit on you. Johnson, and myself, that we have only got 6 pieces of the very many gill nets — being this fishing there, even at this present time . . .

I may tell you, that I was told when I was last in Toronto! that Johnson, is not a stickler of the restrictions for shad; but hangs about them, all the time!! —

I want you to meet me on next Tuesday with prime Johnson at the G. T. R. Station! when the Com. G. A. on fish has arrived! — until then, farewell! —

Yours truly. —

W. Hamilton Esq.
D. C. Fisheries Dept.
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ont.
4th May 1870. —

My appointment, I must be
this time, for I am at the
mercy of others. & Sir Sandfield Macdonald
Railway, — and endeavour him to Hamilton!
of our Company! — Dear Boy — this
of about to pass my eye! I was then about
to pass etc!! & it — to pass my eye!
— this happens in shadings. —
when talking of Sam & Sir Sandfield,
to gauge that you might Sam and
me! — Sir is a splendid man!
How is fishing? — I go next week to the
river, — my fishing [illegible] the morning evening
up — & this fine weather, all on the
wet; [illegible] all over! How goes it
for the Salmon! —
I may [illegible] my fish — my [illegible]
fish might get! —

Yours &c.

Dr. Sutherland —
Ottawa. &

Hamilton, Ont.
3rd day of 1864.

My dear Brother Lewis

I have received my Orders from Ottawa! to proceed to Killarney, to meet Mr. Joseph Wilson, of Sault St. Marie, Lake Superior; who has been ordered to come down to Killarney.—

And I have this day written Mr. Wilson, to say, that I expect to be in Killarney myself, on Wednesday the 14th to arrive by the Pacific, from Collingwood! Captain Sampler Master.— And instead of the department sending instructions direct to Mr. Jos: Wilson; I am empowered to do so!— post him!.

I have all my documents and papers, in order! ready to communicate every thing in Apple pie order.—

Will you be please to communicate to Alick! for me, & to Mr. Clark, that I am coming! And I will have something to communicate to you.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Shebo, Miss F— and Son.— and to Brother Clark!— Alick!—

I heard here, from Foster, Jack Carter, that the Nelsons, are to have formed a Partnership! with that New Buffalonian boy, of Wiarton!— Glean all the information you can; about this new Company for me!!! You will have an opportunity of seeing all papers, reports, and copies there, from the Killarney department.— Good Journey.—

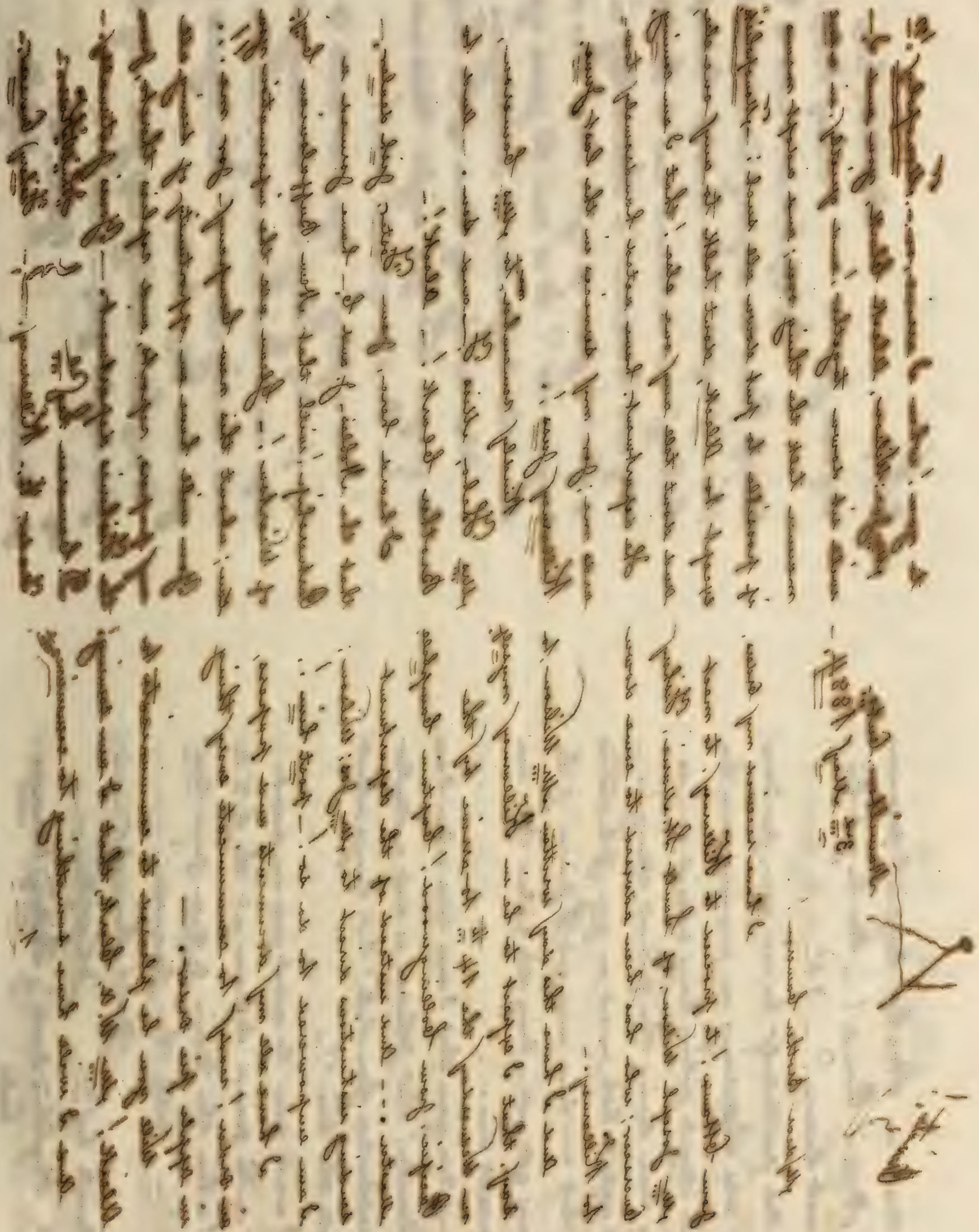
Yours &c. Killarney.— Lewis Cameron.

Yours &c. Killarney.— Lewis Cameron.

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Captain Sampler, Mrs. Wilson, Alick Clark, you and I will sit down together, and quietly, in a manner talk the thing over; and adopt means if possible to put down all such! Except Alick, except to Alick, don't talk to any one else, and don't talk any one else! that I am going.

The department have acted handsomely towards me; for my services in the last June Killarney Jaunt!.



Hamilton City
5th May 1864.

My dear Jessie!—

I write to tell you that I
have been on the point three or four
times!— since we at the station when I
as I have something to show you and to
consult you about!— Tuesday morning!!
I believe, we are to have the pleasure
to find you here— Now you see how
lucky I am! I am certain you did
have been that to me if he could, to
at this moment: then you like you
are at this present moment to be gone—
Do Do! now this!! but no more
on this: for I am going now to Tuesday:
now and till my next the!!. —

I have also business to write to
J. H. Bishop, Station: now I have [illegible]
that will do!. — If you know,
that I am going now, not to go
without my dear! no will you see

1.

My dear Jessie!—

Yours of 28th April, is
safe received!—

I would have written to you more
than once to have no from you since my
last, but I was not sure of your being
at this present time. The receipt of
your letter has been very much delayed
from the non-arrival of the
Letter of yours of the 9th
—Friday— that this
Jessie Bailey—
Hillsborough—
Queensland—
Australia—
via
S. F. Sydney Steamer

Hamilton, Cole
5th May 1864

Jessie.—
Hy Hamilton, Cole

P.S. I am sorry to hear of
poor Mrs Bailey's illness—
hope to hear of her recovery

[illegible] ! for I. P. Sandidge
[illegible] of Chicago
Illinois !-

[illegible] thanks for your favor [illegible]
[illegible] Jessie Johnson report on
the subject of 100 yards of Calico goods not.—
Your remarks are so applicable, that I
need not say any thing, except that I will
be in Louisville on Tuesday next to see
him, and Stillwell! and must I wait long,
for not reporting to me!.—

When Johnson commenced to lift the piece
of goods not.— Jack Kingston— the owner has
a hole of the other end!— Johnson made
an effort to find the owners name, having
mine upside down and there! it was the not
of the matter, and not the most
[illegible] giving it away! — from the
window of Lockwood — [illegible] —

The [illegible] Johnson — was — Kingston
[illegible] home; the goods [illegible] I suppose [illegible]

[illegible] I will [illegible] to me
[illegible] I sent for him! I would be only too
happy to instruct him in his duties and show
him how to juggle [illegible] piece goods with
all things else.— But he is of the opinion that
[illegible] salary of $100.— a year, and is willing
for it.— He has never communicated to me
that he has [illegible] from Mr. H. Charles St
to Mr. Hy. Young & Co. Cincinnati. — and I
say in [illegible] any that I have had
by Billy Shaw, Johnson! he is using the
[illegible] when talking with [illegible]
[illegible] that his [illegible]! he [illegible] I [illegible]
him [illegible] is to [illegible] with the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] for him — Ellen! [illegible]
[illegible] 8 May 1864 [illegible]

No 11

[illegible] ! [illegible]
[illegible] Chelsea. —
[illegible] ! —

My Dear is waiting for me [illegible]
Have you granted a Lease to Thomas
Moore, to fish a Pound Net in the Straits
of Lake Ontario ! —

To which you have replied, No!
as simply this! In turning back when
I am going to Canada, I shall
Peter Moore, for the Ontario Straits of
a Pound Net, and the Deputy
Queen, as to [illegible] for the
Lease. — [illegible] — [illegible]
My Instructions. Mr. Hyslop should
have been done, but I failed to give
him! — I have since written to [illegible]
on this subject. —

[illegible] My Dear Sir, Yours
— Mr Johnson, Kingston. [illegible]

[illegible] remember, by you for punishing and
[illegible] being evidence on, what should
[illegible] you for the Indians against. —
I [illegible] giving the — [illegible] of my
[illegible] on the subject — [illegible]. —
[illegible] will meet respect. —
Dear, Yours Sincerely
[illegible]
[illegible]
5th May 1824. — [illegible]

[illegible]

Lieber.

[illegible]

[illegible] Ich habe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 6th May 1819. —

I have to report that I [illegible] of the Church on 29th April, [illegible] that the Lessee Power of the Church Wardens was the necessary Rate for the Parish, was [illegible] Church not in the Number [illegible] [illegible] Rate was [illegible] 29th.

The inquiries made by me & from the Parish [illegible] is an application for a Rate to [illegible] [illegible] removed the same from [illegible] Rate! that the Parishioners [illegible] for the Expenses & also the Rate. —

I sent for the Parish Clerk & met me at Church by the Parish vestry with him and the Parishioners, and [illegible] regret of duty in granting the Rate to the vestry, which [illegible] from your [illegible] Rate was [illegible] for to pay the Rate! but will by the Officers know anything about the proceedings were made & the [illegible] of it. — When the Rate is applied for, the vestry to the Parish! to summon [illegible] Rate when the Rate! when the Parishioners [illegible] Rate! the is not responsible!!

I remain [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Private!

Memo. received from S. B. Bennetts Esq. Dept. of Fisheries. —

Hamilton. 7 May 1894. — Ottawa!. —

By my official reports indicate, I was in Toronto, on yesterday! — And I saw Mr. Wm. Johnson. — Mellinchi hunted him up for me! he found him at Davis Bros. Bay shop. — After, on all occasions, he was found at the Fish Block Buildings — in an Inner Room! where he sitting round a table with several others, we supposed to go there to Gamble. — He stared! when I showed him his letter; and asked why he did not report to me! — He is the most disinterested man, I have met! just because with his great influence, he has not been placed at the head of the huge Dept. affair! — He tells me the Minister of Marine and Fisheries has resigned! and some point of his is going to get it. — And the friend of Mr. is going to have Mr. Wilson's place — the writing. — He says he has a memo of the fish that will be [illegible] to assign the two years of the fish act — up to the 1st of April last. —

He has a steamer living in Gladstone. — This keeps him there, often at others to look after illegal fishing. — he is perfectly useless; of no use whatever. — I hope you will now him to resign his position to the Harbour and Toronto Island fisheries!! —

Thursday. 8 11 a.m. May 1894.

J. W. Kenney, — arrived in Hamilton last night by 8.30 p.m. Train! on his way with Private mail for Killarney. — he was very anxious he see me, 3 Postal cards from him said so! but I desired no interview! God willing! he and I will meet at Collingwood — on tomorrow about 1 p.m. on Board the Atlantic! and go on together to Killarney. — I want to get posted for Mr. Jos: Wilson. keep up to the last moment till we meet at Killarney!! —

How long days about that old Killarney! Have you not heard of Kate Kenney. — She lives on the Banks of Killarney! Have the glance of whose eyes, whose tongue and lips! Ere sweet as the shades of Kate Kenney. —

My own Home expect of 6th inst. you will find the preparations made by Charles Mann with his Own Art!— Except I have received no instructions by you! I never urge nor encourage any Fisherman to spare your Eggs.—
Nellie, I have no doubt appreciate Mann what your fellow-men are! but Mann does not seem to take any Notice to Nellie!— for I received the enclosed Telegraph from Mann to day! and now for your perusal.

I shall start from here by 6. a.m. Train on Monday, Friday morning, arrive at Collingwood about 1. p.m.,— at Killarney.— about 12. noon — on Saturday.—

My S. Ramsey, and his Crew Nels. will have to remain over there until the Jos: Atkinson, comes down by return Steamer from Lake to Georgian.—

I expect Ramsey on Monday night for Killarney, in neighborhood of Killarney. by J.V.6. Nels! see as they were last year Monday Evening!— I shall attend to this, the minute I arrive at Killarney.

I shall bring every scrap of paper I have with me; and communicate to you, the all that has been Written about by Enemy Jos: Cattans division! and Fishers of Georgian Bay,— he shall have all I Know, and what you have taught me yourself in to the Bargain!—

Down in the Thick plan Kit, in Hamilton to day! when John Davis of John Morris drew my attention to some Cakes Trout, they came from Southampton; Lake Huron,— Nicely caught with 4½" mesh nets, you'll see.

No fish under would be known such superior Eggs as ours.

Enemy Steamer Chief of the Lyon! shows the advance of things to come with the Electricity of the Air, to happen on the upper Lakes this year!. Yours most sincerely.

Hamilton, Ont.
2. May 1884.

1. Quitrent giving circular!

[illegible] William Stevens —
East fa. of Lot No: 2 [illegible]
Clinton —
Dunmore Co.
[illegible] Surveyor
[illegible] 1834. —
[illegible] D.S.

Same petition filing circular!

[illegible] Joseph A. [illegible] —
West s. of Lot [illegible]
Clinton
Dunmore Co.
[illegible]
[illegible] 1834.
[illegible]

Charles Nolan,
The Same,
Same,
Same of J. L'Estrange
Same sheet.
Same petition.

that alleged it.
[illegible] de plaider
[illegible]
same!
J. L'Estrange —
Field Surveyor —
Sydney
9 [illegible] 1834.

Same petition filing

[illegible] George [illegible] —
Lot [illegible]
Clinton —
Dunmore Co.
[illegible]
[illegible] 1834.
[illegible]

Hunter Cty.

Sir.

8th mo. May 1834.

I have the honor to issue your Draft, No: 25. for the sum of Nine dollars.

Also you be pleased to apply the amount for this warrant given, as follows:

1. Peter L. Noble, Auditor [illegible] to pay [illegible] $5.00

2. Levin Mower, Collector [illegible] 1.00.

3. Daniel Caldwell, Constable [illegible] 2.00.

[illegible] $2.00

[illegible] $9.00

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servt.

John W. Kerr

Deputy Treasurer

S. P. Bumpass Esq.

Com: of Revenue.

Hunt.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
17th May 1884.-

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No^{o} 53, for the sum of One Hundred and twenty five dollars.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows! - vizt: $.

1.. William Bishop, Collingwood,- For a Boat Licence to fish 9.900 yards of Salmon Trout and White fish gill nets, in that part of the Georgian Bay, extending from Moose deer point to Serpent River, and South of Manetoulin Island! the amount is. - - - $5.00

2. Mathew Bishop,- Collingwood, do. do. do. . 5.00 ..

3. Robert Bishop.. do. - do. - do.. 5.00 ..

4. D. Malcolm. - - do. - do. - do.. 5.00 ..

5. J. Malcolm. do. - do. - do. . 5.00 ..

6. Frank H. Miller.. do. - do. - do. . 5.00 ..

7. Mathew Walton. - do. - do. - do. . 5.00 ..

8. John McKay.- do. - do. - do. . 5.00 ..

9. Herbert Cleland .. do. - do. - do. . 5.00..

10. W. Roberts.. - do. - do. - do. . 5.00..

11. J. Darling.- do. . do. - do. . 5.00.

12. William Seaman.- do. - do Jung! do. . 5.00.

13. William Storey.- do. - do. - do. . 5.00.

14. Jesse W. Hodgins.- do. - do. - do. . 5.00. .

15. J. Milligan.. do. . do. - do. . 5.00..

16. Alexander Fisher.- do. - do. - do. . 5.00.

17. George Paul.. do. - do. - do.. . 5.00.

18. Saml Carson.. do.. 2. Boats do. do.. 10.00.

19. Mich^{l}. Carmichael.. do. do. - do.. . 5.00.

20. John Lahaye.. Killarney.- do. . do.. 5.00.

21. A. Hutchins, do.. do.. do. . 5.00.

22. Parliament Cayen. do.. do.. do.. . 5.00.

23.- do. do.- do 1884 2. Boats do. . 10.00

Respectfully submitted! I have the Honor to be! $125.00

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.-

John W. Kerr. Jr. Engineer.

D. O. Smith Esqre
Com^{r} of Fisheries.-
Ottawa!-

O.K. Jas Pratt Insp^{r}
Can do this
Can do it

Nice!

S. O. Auditorium
K. T., Ks.
Office!

Mon. May 2nd. –

I left here at 6.00 a.m. on Sat. & arrived at Kearney at 10 a.m. – Saturday morning to the surprise and astonishment of Jno. E. Nolan, of Capt.

I have previously notified Mr. Jno. Nolan, on the 1st inst. that I would be at Kearney, on the 14th and invited him to meet me there: and I also wrote him on my arrival!! – Mr. Nolan, was away up Platte Superior, and so he did not put in his appearance! and the Reiji arriving on the other Ship at Kearney at 2 p.m. on Monday. – I got on Board, and arrived at Home at 10.25 a.m. on Friday 18th inst. – I enquired a good deal of information that will be of service to Mr. Jno. Nolan, when he talks things over. – I am at Work Again and again Home! and will splendid magnificent fishing, and fish!.

2,000 – fish – Salmon Trout and White fish. One day – from 8 Boats!

2,000 – Most days from 4 Boats, – stormy weather!. Some Boats, about 40 pounds each! – and a great number of white fish 10 pounds each! – The Boats do not make average 6 pounds shares! the White fish about 8 pounds each –

Except for Storms, – none of the Nolans own our Boats, – are fishing with their own Nets! I spoke to the Nolans on the subject, they told me they were going for cash but fishing outside of their Nets.

It appears the fish are growing in out of Lake Huron, through Lake Superior, by millions. – Fishing is being carried on, between 60 and 70 miles from Kearney. Lake Huron and Georgian Bay –

1.

2.

I have not been — Letter since, & write
after hearing the Enemy's under the mis
-ion up: — a fine effect mine! but I must
speak as it is:

I may take you the fact — as related
in Court, — Letter. Says — you the Quarter
— at 20. 30. & 40. — due in ⅓. May your Ho-
-nour! — by — the prisoner the gaoler — sup-
-pose the Court; — and locked himself —
the shop with the girl! — Says that
Christmas 1799 gone, — into his pocket
for — — — & — — the girl — the
Letter this is what — to swear!! —

My only object — it is not within my
jurisdiction! by the matter — to tell
positively the Judge what then: I submit
Letter — enough, — the prosecut of
my Client being appointed to take charge of
the children! I — like they take — it:
and then — myself —

My Client, — denies on the solemn
of Letter — — —

Upon I say Kearney — I wish a
positive Letter — opposite — say, what he
— said — — Kearney. —

— the result of my Trip — I send you
a draft for £125. — £105 — paid — by
W. a. Clerk — for 21. Quarts. gilding for him
they — merely — accepted — by your
Father! — by the Letter — of yours, dated —
— please — be inserted — paid
in to you: if I may judge from your
appearance — without meeting myself!—

Let me, — girl — I have never been
there! — Some people — Kearney. Ther
are; they are not their — Client, except
the appointment; being — must be
— Quarter! — — — —

Many thanks — for writing you —
with haste. — — with — respect —

I am,

Dublin Castle
7 May 1804.

Your Obedt Servt
[illegible]

Hamilton. City.
17. March 1864.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a loan for [illegible] one hundred and [illegible] of Land [illegible] Township of Glanford County of Wentworth.

The said lot [illegible] Acres, Eight perches & one half in the County of Wentworth & Province of Canada, being the same for which Patent issued on the 10th. of the present month & for which I paid the sum of £40. per annum & amounts to £240.0.0.

2. or 3 pounds are to be set at Cape Smith. —

I. Canada is to be set at Brantford, and the balance are to be set between Hamilton and Cape Smith. — —

I understand that you will be please to grant this loan as soon as convenient. —

Respectfully submitted. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
[illegible]
Military Engineer —

S. P. Rowsell Esq.
Com: of Patents —
Ottawa. —

Hamilton Cat.
16th Aug 1884.-

My dear Wilde!-

Your telegraph of the 9th inst. arrived here after I had left that morning for Kilmarnock; and while I got back here on Friday last was the first I knew anything about it! for here I know it is known! while at Kilmarnock I could have sent you a hundred of white girl, but you say no thing might be over the appearance of Jonquil day by the same. I was at Kilmarnock Thursday Friday Saturday and Sunday! from 10. a.m. on the 10th inst. until 9 p.m. Thursday the 15th when I called by the Paisley train for Edinburgh and you know.-

I am sorry to hear you got the cold you were going to give up the Glasgow visit for. I hope you have thrown off the cold by now as the weather is not favourable for it. I am sorry to hear the Exhibition is not a success financially. I do not think it will be a success financially in Edinburgh. I am sorry to hear that Mr. Hamilton has not been to see you. I am sorry to hear that Mr. Hamilton has not been to see you. I am sorry to hear that Mr. Hamilton has not been to see you.

I myself cordially like your White Jail in Lake Cats. ing are become a scarce commodity.- "Pale Brewing must change hands- or it must be shadowed altogether..."- "Burgoyne & Co" I wish myself with the Lucas's- Sun: Without, yr- his ingratitude to you! do since he [illegible] up & spurned with contempt!!..

He has employed together himself, one can thus but! has forgotten every one who supplied him with specimens for the Exhibition!-

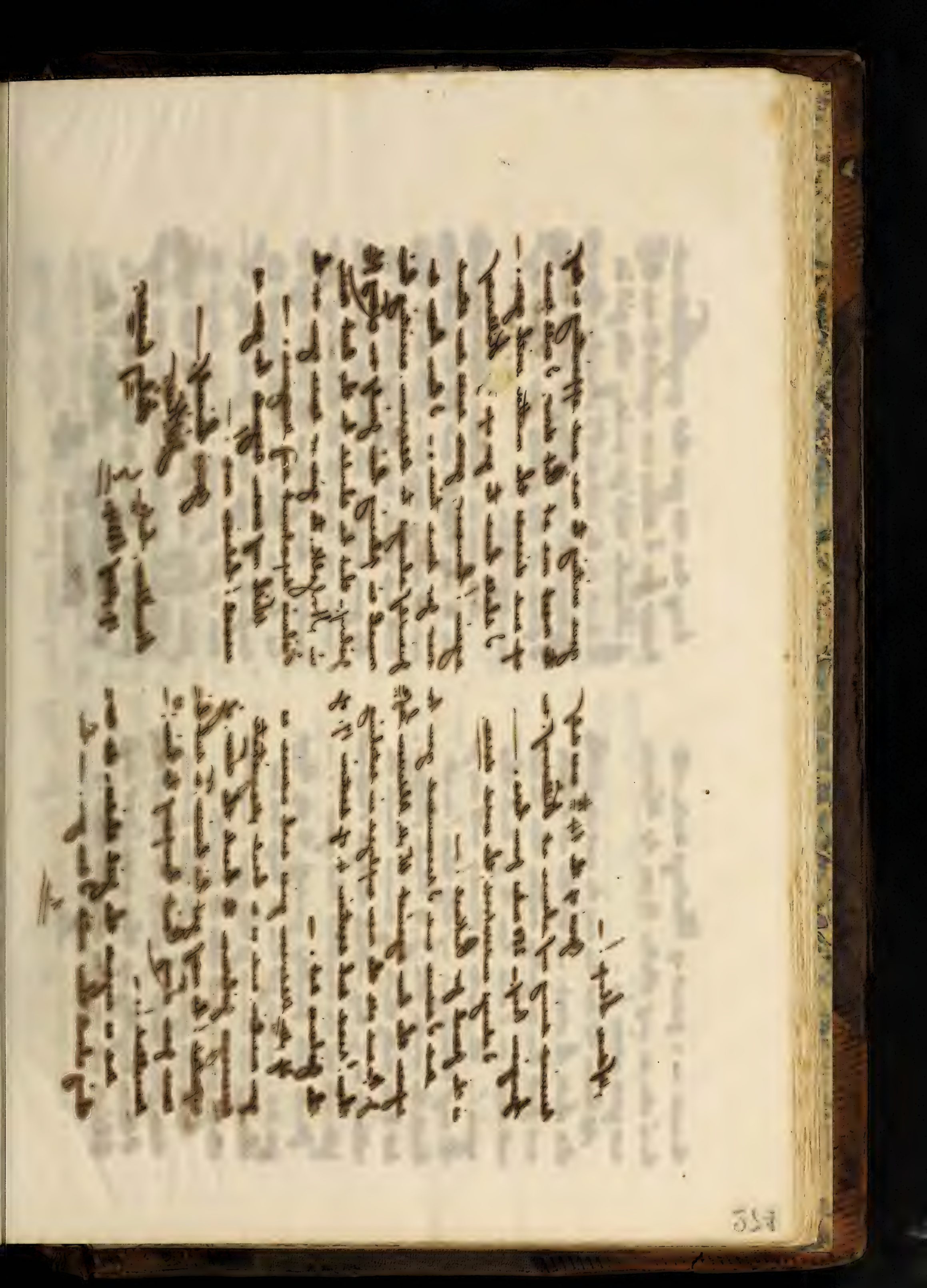
The Johnnies at first- the Book of Tobit- made of sheets which he received from the English Missionary- is- for is sorry!..-

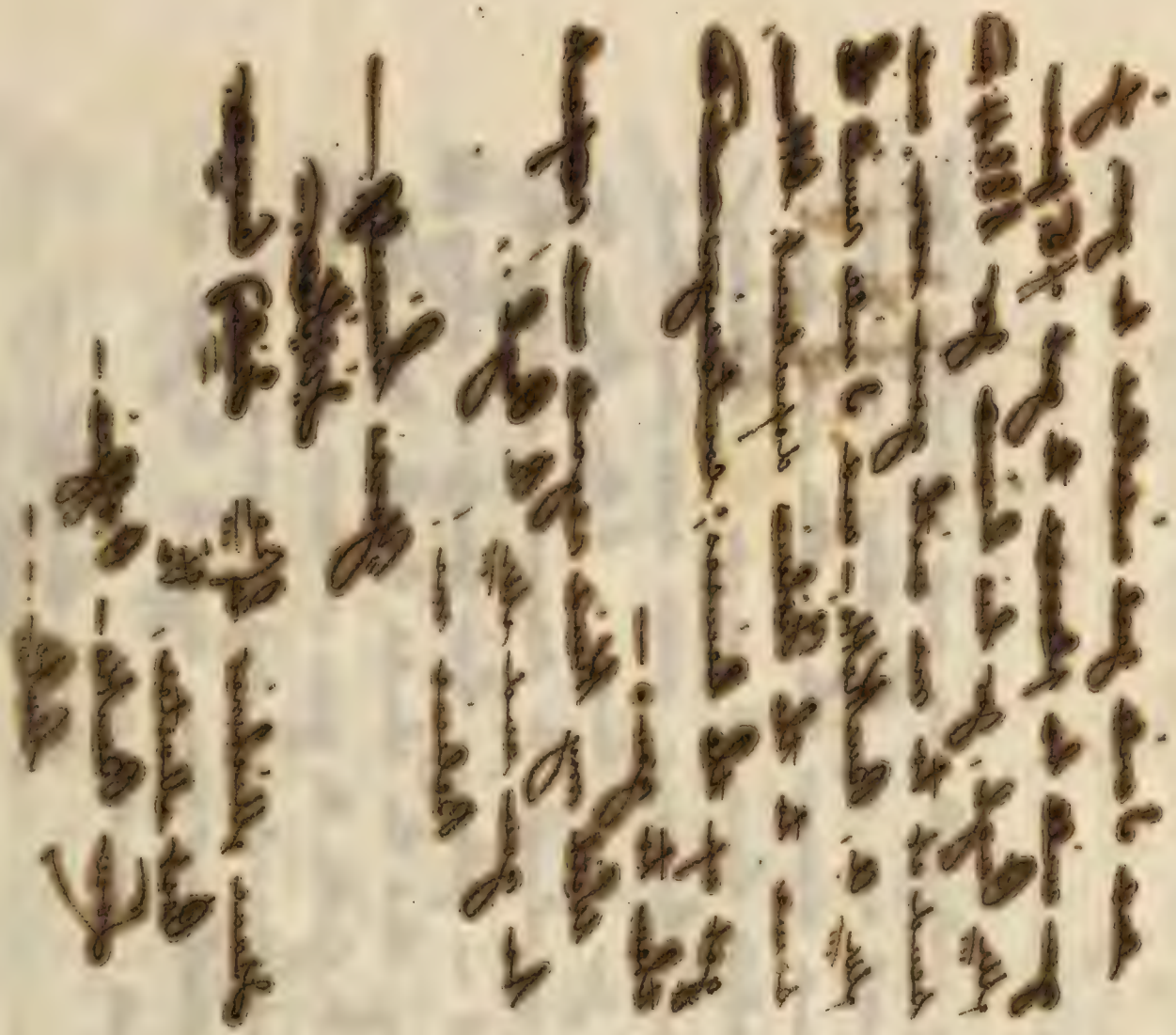
I think it is [illegible] who says: "He that sins early makes sure" Book!"- It is not one off with his eyebrows!- on Mr. Hamilton yr- for Edinburgh, when you know- why, not on the off- [illegible] not him!- It is the hour

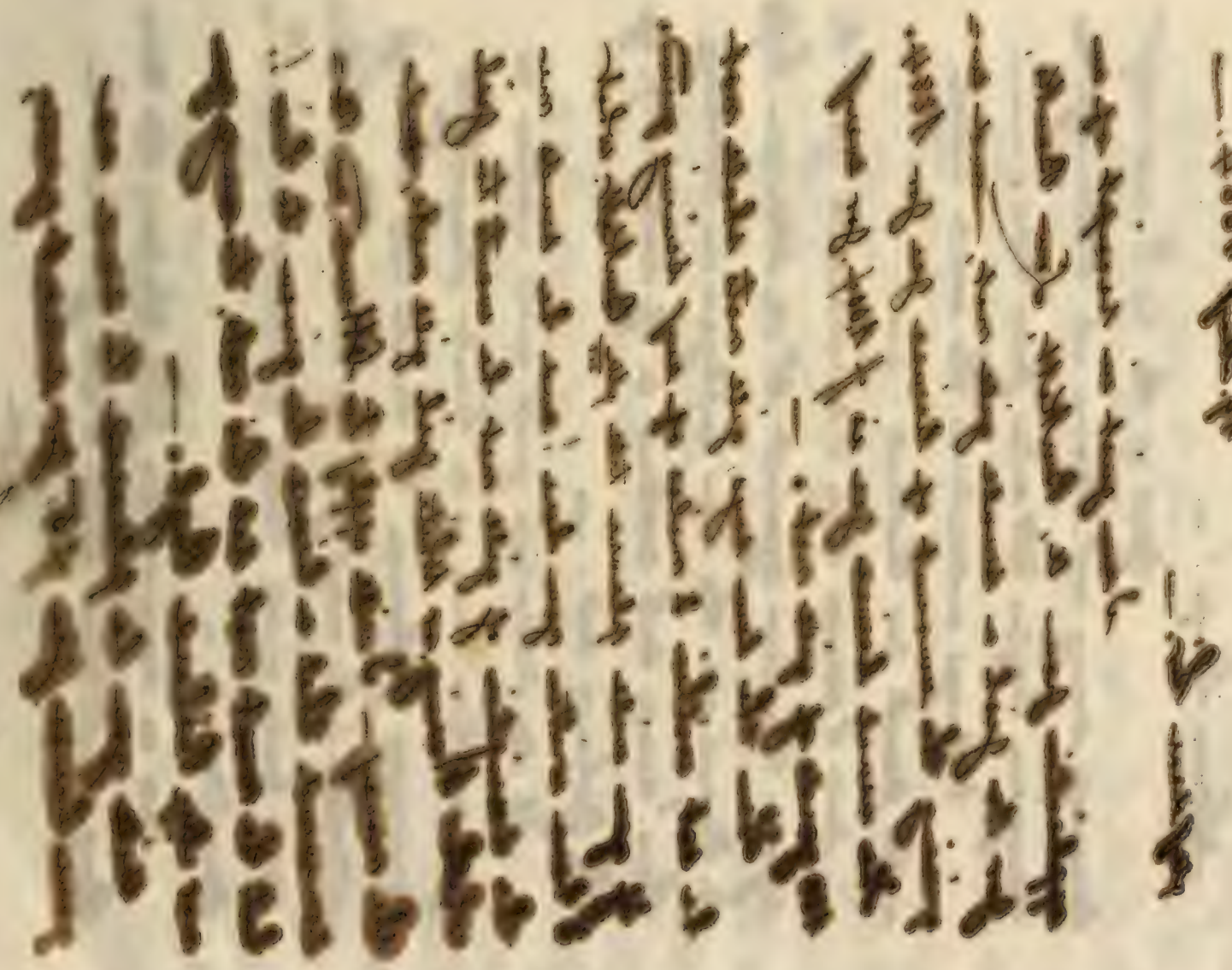
Norfolk Sep.

Yours of the 14th came safe
enclosed every of which is Returned to
Yarmouth Office 20 miles from here. ——
I always remember the wise saying
of the Greek Sir Richard. —
But I assure you I recommend you to
open the Letter against W. M. Clarke Esq.
I have no doubt you will find
that I have not exceeded the
Limits laid down in Section 17. of
the Police Act. —
If the Person you call Clarke is
your Brother in Law Lieutenant
Governor Johnson of Fort St. George
Madras I do not see how I
could have done Less than
mention the Letter I received
from you. Long Live Emperor Napoleon!!!
Confusion to ——
Pray is your Sir Richard Birnie. or some
other Gentleman with Grey Hair? —
Yours truly

your writing to me are appearing as if
he meant me at the door. I will open
up and discuss the matter with you. —
I shall have to go up to Kilmarnock
again! I hope you will be there
for some time. — I have been to
yourself always to receive writing this
week in placing this Letter in Lloyds
Office. that he should be the last man
in Norfolk. to give — cause for the
Police Department any suspicion. —
With my own regards to you
and Edwin me. —
Yours truly —
Hamilton Esq.
Lloyds Office
Liverpool







Hamilton. Ont^{o}.

Sir.

17. May 1864.—

I beg most respectfully to submit for your consideration a Petition addressed to The Honble The Minister, by Mr^{r} W. H. Cunningham, of Rothsay, a licensed fisherman in Thames River, for many years; praying for a License to fish Two fyke nets in Lake St^{t} Clair, during this current year.—

Enclose Peter McCann, of London; whose letter to the Honble Minister I attach; speaks well of Mr^{r} Cunningham.—

From my own personal knowledge of him acquired in the public discharge of my duties on several occasions on the River Thames at Rothsay; I recommend that you will be pleased to grant him the privilege he prays for.—

In case of decision that the department send me on special duty on River Thames, I shall then make application for a copy of the Fishery rules, laws and regulations.—

Respectfully Submitted.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedt Servt.—
J. W. Hume—
Fishery Overseer.

J. P. Cunningham
Rothsay Ontario.—
Fishing Station
Thames River.

Hamilton. Ont.
20. May 1884.

Sir.

I have the honor to send you. Bank draft No: for the sum of Forty dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Licence fee. in the case of Charles Hearn. of the Humber. To be for one Pound Net. Single pot. or head in Number Bay. Lake Ontario; midway between the Humber Railway Bridge. and Parkdale pumping House. for this current year. —

Please refer to page 4. of my letter to you. of 10th April last. on this subject; and to all previous applications. and recommendations made to you during this year, since. and previously about this matter. — —

In granting this licence. I respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased to insert a clause therein. That salmon. or salmon white fish. if caught; shall instantly be liberated alive.

Having in previous letters, given you all the facts as they happened, relating to this Pound Net. — —

I have now the honor to enclose to you, two letters of recommendation. from Mr. Charles Watson Esqre M.P. for West York. dated 19th instant. at Woodbridge. One is addressed to you as Commissioner. and the other is addressed to The Hon.ble D. A. McLellan. Minister of Marine, and Fisheries; recommending that you will be pleased to grant this licence to Mr. Charles Hearn; for good reasons. stated therein. both to you and the Minister. — —

Now as I find no obstacle in my way. I warmly and cordially join these letters. and Mr. Watson in recommending that you will be pleased to grant to Charles Hearn a licence for to fish this Pound net; as applied for. — —

The letter from Mr. Watson, and myself were handed to me in Toronto, on yesterday. by Mr. Hearn. with request that I would forward them to you! which I perform request. —

I have the Honor to be.
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant. —
Phillip Thomas — Overseer.

D. A. General Supt. Mr.
Com.r of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! —

Immediate !.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

21st May 1864.—

Gentlemen !— On my arrival home here, on the 17th instant, as agreed to between us ! I made application to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, for a Licence to be immediately granted to J. and B. Noble ! and J. W. Ramsey and Bro^{s}. of Killarney, to fish Six Pound nets, single pots, or heads ! in Georgian Bay, between Killarney, Beaverfe point, and Cape Smith, during this current year ! and I recommended that your licence be granted as soon as convenient.—

In reply, I am instructed by the department to say to you, that this application of yours must stand ! until I come up to Killarney again ; which I expect will be shortly ! when this matter will be then considered.

In the mean time, I deem it proper to advise you, to do nothing in fishing with, and set no Pound nets,—until after I arrive ! lest you may have to lift them again ! For it may be determined ultimately, that—licences will be granted to fish these Pound Nets, at the during this current season !..

Please govern yourselves accordingly.—

I am ! Gentlemen.—

Your's respectfully.—

J. H. Wilkes.—

Fishery Overseer.

Messrs. J. and B. Noble,
and J. W. Ramsey, and Bro^{s}.—
Pound Net Proprietors.—
Killarney.—
District of Algoma !—

Private!

Memorandum for S. O. Bancat Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Yours of 19th instant. received. I am very glad to find out what your views and determination is about the application of the Skaff^rs^ J. and C. Noble and J. W. Kenney, to fish the Bay grounds!— I advised Kenney to get your decision there before he started to fish them! if he so empolees to life them; he has no one to blame for it but himself.— I am in a quandary, not having had a reply or answer to my letter appointing the 19th inst. for Captain Joseph Wilson to meet me at Killarney.— Have you not a single word from him!— I wrote J. & C. Noble and J. W. Kenney— Killarney— on yesterday, that I had granted their application to the Department— Ottawa!— I am anxious to obtain; I mean to appease them; the application has to stand until I come up there, and I advised them to drive no stakes nor set no Grounds, in the mean time!— This will be a pretty mess for them!— They have no less than 6. nets Grounds— not yet taken up by the 6.— the time was applied for!— Last year, they took 6. grounds— J. & C. Noble, when I applied to them for annual returns; no answer from J. W. Kenney— as he has charge of the Grounds!— you may remember the difficulty I had in getting from Kenney the returns, and what thanks I have been given me in consequence. I must not plan to procure for you notice of appointment, when the Kenney has to meet!— H. H. I have telegraphed Captn Jos: Wilson, this day, to meet me at Killarney at Killarney, at his earliest convenience, for me to give J. & C. Noble's Kenney's application to ground!— you might telegraph him yourself to meet me at Killarney

Hamilton, Ont.
14. June 1894.

Mr. Jones.

Dear Friend! I am
sorry I have been so disappointed
yesterday. I left on Tuesday - night - and I
could not go for 10. or 12 days! I am very
sorry I am not quite well yet.

I shall bring the Books, when I
next visit Toronto, and you will
Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Johnson
& Mr. Stapleton and explain to
the Directors Department. I hope we
- lines to fill 400. Books will fill
lines in Toronto Bay - for which he will
- pay. - for the whole Book.

The Department, I am sure will
Bay - a Dime! I am much glad to
notify you that we failing - Book.
Indigo Bay. - I am

Hamilton, Ont.
23. January 1894.

Private!

I have
- ment - as a
- ! - you
- I
- Mr. -
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- I
- ! Dear Sir
-
-
-

Hamilton, Sept 4
My own Darling! 26 Sept 1864.

Yours of the 17th came safely
this morning! and I rejoice to hear by the signs
you don't know, how, but during the past
week there is hope in prospect of the
Mr & Girl Li Chow not in Lotus Village
known as Hamilton Riding Horse &
Buckskin jumping horse, every thing
sent you! - Will you please grease
yourself carefully. - - -

Darling! during my absence in Georgia
boy - Please come home to me as I do re-
gret you were not with me to accompany
me home as it is the night-
after my return home! - I am sure
when you, Mr & Mrs L. Chow - the subject
Darling you Mr & Mrs Chow, will
the gate to walk me home to go

1.

Home we know: the money we better
manage to me as I remember
we as to the article on 21st as 22nd
I mean the home we visited it to Mrs!
quick write me it not? —

In regard to — you where is the
wrong doing - why! he thing look
not for upside! - The one is one! to
is not: one is wrong to - you boy -
home! the home - gentleman riding -
Indian, riding to keep his pleasure guide
& the Horse! please should not please
his home of Lotus one wrong - should -
the Lotus Chow; home the the — of
one's own objects! - the one should
- the not refer to the protection of the
girl: one not to the — of
wrong one pleasure guide! - the
action & of Indian Mr — party of —

2.

Aberdeen. Scotland
26 Aug/1909

My own Darling!—

I send you herewith a sweet piece of Stonehaven jade—cut up the age and material: all ground in one in Lake Victoria, at Stonehaven by our Fisherman. The material is the best in one the rock = 11½ inches extension measure; and you will see the price of rock. I send you a ½ inches disc. This kind of jade not comes to much use; while I have been told by one of the fishermen; if the jade not was more a couple of inches deeper it might still more stronger! for they sometimes dive higher than most jade not.—

Compare the item you choose me with what I now write you; see what a difference.—

4

Ah! you is the best. Darling, we badly finished!— What I send you is left twice:— of 8 and, one finished one is a perfect gem!.— The material is so superior and fine in finish and texture as compared to your last lower stuff.—

I got back here by 5.30. p.m. Train all right.— We are all well remember now what I advised you to do!— I go to Liverpool tuesday morning: at 6. a.m. by train for Edinburgh: on Saturday— I will be away for a week.—

Adieu au, in the mean time!

Yours Sincerely—

Stonehaven—

Aberdeen Scotland

Hamilton, Ont.
Sir, 26th May 1864.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No. 74 for the sum of Ten dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year; and for year 1863, as follows: —

1. J. B. Murdock, of Owen Sth., on Georgian Bay, — at the mouth of the Nottawasaga River. — For a boat license to fish in Bay, and one boat containing 10,000 yards of Gibson Boat, and white fish gill nets — the waters of Georgian Bay during the year ending 31st day of December 1863, amount, — $10.00

The license should be same as that issued for year 1862. He has not paid license for year 1864, yet. —

2. Lewis Pettit, of Grimsby. — For a boat license to fish 200 yards of 3" inch mesh gill net, in Lake Ontario, in front of his own farm, situated on the Lake shore, in said Township, during this current year, $1.00

3. — James R. Gordon, Grantham. For a Boat license to fish 200 yards of 3" inch mesh Herring gill net in Lake Ontario, near the 6 mile Creek, — last side, same being in the township of Grantham, during this current year, amount is, — $1.00

4. John Rowhan, Burlington. — For a boat license to fish 200 yards of 3" inch mesh gill net for Herring in Lake Ontario in front of his own place, situated on the Lake shore village of Burlington for 1864 — 1.00

Will you be please to issue proper license, — and forward to me at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted, —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant, —
J. W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Sanford Esq.
Com. of Crown Lands,
Ottawa. —

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Dear Sir

[illegible]

Yours truly

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[illegible]

Yours truly

[illegible]

Hamilton. Ont.
June 3rd 1864.

My dear Gilbert.—

I am just returned from Killarney; after a weeks sojourn there.— I have secured for you a place under Mr W. A. Clark; he wants you to take charge of a Boat and fish it for him.— The fish are very plentiful! Mr Clarke with 24. Boats, up to last Saturday about 3 weeks fishing! caught 55.000.— Lake, Gibbons and Trout.— You might bring some of your tools— as Carpenter and Boatbuilder with you!— you will require to be in Hamilton, on thursday evening next. to lay over until 6.30.— a. m.— on friday morning, when you start by North Western R. R. Train— for Barrie— arriving there at 2. p.m. Leave by Steamer Atlanta, arriving at Killarney next day. wind and weather able— 11. a. m.—

In receipt of this Telegraph meet and

I will prepare letter for you,— you might bring your Brother with you, as I am satisfied in my mind at least, he will suit you— place.

He goes by Railway from Hamilton to Gravenhurst, about $2.00 — and on the Steamer $3.50 cts. with Board and Berth, but I understand Jas Harrison Esq. accompanied by Killarney, only pay $2.— for the trip!— you are to have charge of a Boat, with 16. Nets. each Net. is 500 yards long! equals 8.000.— yards!— divided into two gangs of 4.000. yards each! Mr Wm Clark. is a Noble. Honorable man, you may expect good, and honorable treatment;— and after this season; I expect next year you will have your own Boat and Nets;— You may be able to get employment during the winter, Boat building at Collingwood, where the Boats crew of the 24 Boats return at the end of season.— With my warm regards, as ever!

Yours truly
D. Wilkinson. P.O.

M. A. Gilbert,
Jordan L.O.O.F.

Hamilton. Ont.o
3rd June 1884.-

Sir,-

I have the honor to send you herewith, Bank do. for $ 5.00 right or Sir.-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year 'as Licence fees' viz: as follows:----

1. Joseph Bernard, Killarney.- For a Boat licence to fish 7.500, yards of Salmon Trout, and White fish gill net, in that part of Georgian Bay, extending from Collins Inlet, to Serpent River; and south of Manitoulin Island." amount is - $ 5.00

2. Charles Proulx,- do.- 5.500.-do.- do.- " 5.00 "-

3. John Egan.- do.- 8.000.-do.- do.- " 5.00.-

4. Michael Bernard.- do.- 9.000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

5. Malcolm Campbell,- do.- 9.000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

6. John Saitse.- do.- 7.000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

7. Lisie Racurley.- do.- 7.000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

8. Batiss Rogue.- do.- 3000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

9.- Fred; Seagrave.- do.- 7.000.- do.- do.- " 5.00.-

The Bobbs have been fishing outside of J. and C. No. [illegible] about 40 miles away south from Killarney.- Charles Bobb - paid me $ 45.00 cts, in obedience to your order.- But he referred me to the balance of the Indians, 3 whites, and 18 Indians for payment of licence fees; although all fished and sold their fish to the Bobbs.-

The Bobbs furnished them with the Gill nets, they are fishing and they have sold all the fish caught outside of leased limits this season; thus far to the Bobbs.-

Fishing had not commenced within J and C. No. leased limits on 31st May last, when Capt. Jos: Wilson, J. Cousseau, Sault Saint Marie, and I left Killarney, for our respective homes.-

10 Jos; Adams, Killarney "a cripple" For a Boat Licence

S. O. Banset Esq re
Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa! 1,

to fish 20 yards of white fish and Salmon Trout gill nets in Georgian Bay between Collins Inlet, and Serpent River, and to the of the Islands." —

I recommend the Rev Adams in consequence of his bodily infirmity some "Free license" He has fished thus far, this season outside of Nobles leased limits and sold his fish to the Nobles. —

It was arranged between Capt Jos: Wilson, J. Cameron, that I should collect all the money I could, send it you and recommend that you be pleased to grant the above licenses and send them to him for signature and delivery. —

I enclose a list of the persons referred to, as above in order that you may instruct Mr Jos: Wilson J.P., — for now, I hope my mission will end altogether at Killarney. — —

He can now take the Nobles in hand and make them pay up for all their Boat fishermen, Indians, Half Breeds, French and Whites. —

I received the list attached from J and C. Noble. —

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11. Richard Ryffie, Collingwood — "For a license to fish" a Boats containing 48 Nets, say about 24,000 yards of Salmon Trout and White fish Gill nets at the Beetard Islands in Georgian Bay," say "From Parry Sound to Waddells Mills at Collins Inlet including the mouth of Maganetawan, and French Rivers." —

"The amount herewith is, — $15.00

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license at your convenience! —

The Rev Solomon James an Indian Chief "Fishing Canseau Shenaya: Parry Sound. Post office, made his appearance at Killarney, to collect this $15.00 but as it was arranged between Capt Jos: Wilson, Mr W. A. Clark, and me, that the $15. was to be sent to you by me, Mr Clark

bought this noble red man, to me! on the evening of 29th
ult, at Killarney when he said he was appointed on
the recommendation of Mr. O'Brien, M.P. for the dis-
trict of Muskoka. — To place an Indian as
Overseer, over White fishermen is objectionable! — Mr.
O'Brien is not it appears yet satisfied! The depart-
ment emerging from the Dress of June 1883. caused by
Crown Patents impendence; I would recommend that
the license for Mr. Kyffin, be sent to Captain Jos: Wilson,
along with the licenses mine and a few more, to sign and
deliver; Kyffins license, when countersigned to be ad-
dressed to W. A. Clark, Killarney. —

Personally, Mr. Wilson and I have no feelings in this
case; however, fishermen have expressed themselves in
language that we deem it expedient to apprise you of.
Mr. Solomon James might be appointed to collect
fees; from the Indians; and watch over them. — — —
12, Mr. Dawson, M. Port of Toronto; whom I met at
Collingwood, on 27th May last, on my way to Kil-
larney, handed me Money, to pay for Seven Boat
licenses, at Club Island, Georgian Bay; the amount
herewith is, — $35.00

I am sick at present, but I hope soon to be
all right again! when I will send you names, and
all particulars, I hope this will do, at present. —
13. Isaac Minhinick, Town Bonds, — Lake Erie;
For a Seine license; to be same as last year, $5.00
14, Richard Pugh, — do, — do, — do, — $5.00
15, H. K. Humphreys, — Toronto, For a license to fish
400 Hooks, with night lines, in Toronto Bay, between
Adamsons wharf, and the Queens wharf, to be same
in other respects, as license issued last year! $2.00
16. John H. Lamm, Beamsville; For a Boat license,
to fish 100 yards of Herring gill net in Lake Erie,

in favor of Lot 12. Porter Tract. - township of
Clinton! - The amount is, - $1.00 ℔.
will you respect. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your Obedt Servt. —
John W Kerr —
Indian Engineer.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
5. June 1864.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you, and I respectfully to request that you will be pleased to cause to be issued to me Captain Joseph Wilson, Crown Timber Agent for the Lake St. Peter, a copy of the Lease and Sketch; containing 169.— square miles of Territory, within which is situated Lyons Island, and Lepine Island.—

A great injustice and wrong was perpetrated against 24 Bona fide Settlers, Timbermen by having a Monopoly of this Kind; and Lease, this man, and one of their families have been living the best season of the Year, as you are aware of the month of August, for many years past.—

Those Settlers petition, and exception to the Lease, was taken into consideration; when leasing to Jesse B. Wells.

I hope it is not yet too late, to accept my Representation, and cancel this Lease.—

Respectfully Submitted.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.
[illegible]
Timber Inspector.

S. P. Rowley Esqre
Com^{r} of Fisheries,
Ottawa!—

Private.

Hamilton, Ont.
5 June 1874.

My dear Mrs Rand,—

Just as you said I dare-
sined at Kingston on 28th ult. when I
gave Capt Glen the gentle hint
Sarah you couldn't be got on
of suddenly together as my report
will show you. —

In writing that first report of 30th
The appt. I was so afraid of my Ministry
back, that when I had to stand up, I fell
to do as; and it was only by some effort I
straightened myself up. The room was
more than. The sight when, - not on
the passage, as he turned it, gave - more
death of fear. I gather of some of it it
for we succeeded nobly, but I am not
yet recovered me. The - which I have
explicit set in, which he not left on
yet. - the passage they passage

of staff down my throat every day;
Every day is given me gradually, as
- the other report the appointment of Commissioner - as Coroner, - which is a great mistake!
we ought to be immediately reminded as for
- this Jubilee is removed for the sake
- your and that is one more particularly
the Police. — The day they know, there
to remain! I ascertained for you a good many
days, hope - when - I discover the!
me it was given by me: I am to report
to you: this you may report for me
me, for I am getting home, I give as my
thanks to you for his many interest for
me! - If convenient you might have me
me 4 50,- for current expenses, for when my
report is made you will most likely send
the Sec of State, with Mrs, - me this,
their gift. — will not report

Yours very sincerely
Dickson C.B.

A. B. Rand Esq
Com: of Indians.
Ottawa! —

Hamilton, Ont.
30. May 1894...

Sir.

With reference to your letter to me of the 19th instant, in regard to the application of James B. Miller, and J. W. Ramsay of Kilmarnock for liquor licenses to hotels in those towns, - I enquired Mr. Inspector Kilmarnock, Ramsay's private character with the result.-

I annex a copy of letter for your information, that I wrote this date, on 21st instant, as follows: herewith....

On receipt of this letter of the 19th I the Miller, I am informed Ramsay for a while, and ultimately relenting thereon, came to the decision, and sent your cheque for $120, applying at the same time direct to the Minister, for license to hotels Light grounds, and lack of sufficient accommodation for travellers, as previously applied for, and recommended upon the printed application by me, to the 7th instant...

The case to petition in the Queen Hotel case, by the Inspector Wilson, Kilmarnock Scott 24th inst, and I found matters on case arrival at Kilmarnock on 28th instant.

Having notified Messrs Miller, James Miller and J. W. Ramsay, severally, that on, Inspector Wilson and myself, would discuss the Queen Hotel application on next at the Town Hall, the Queen Hotel, Kilmarnock, at 1.30 p.m. on 29th instant, and on discussing the Queen Hotel application for license... I was then duly application of the 17th instant in your favour duly signed; and on discussing the [illegible] Hotel; and [illegible] Miller, Clerk, was also present the Inspector stated, that on [illegible] in the first place; that one Pound has been abstracted, and was picked up the day previous near the Indian dock, near the Indian Reserve; north end of Hamilton Island; south west from Burgess Island; about eight, or ten miles from Kilmarnock....

300. White fish and Pickerel; were caught among 4 lbs. each, weighing in the aggregate 1192 pounds dressed.

S. O. Richardson
Insp. of Fisheries
Ottawa

Ans the Reeve stated was being in a Public state.
Sub Rosa, for other Ans.—

Captain Jas: Allen, was 2d, then came to the conclusion to lay
the case fairly and at once before you, for yours and the
Ministers consideration.— We advised and recommended that
the Hon. & Jas. G. Bolton, and Lyf.- should be withdrawn
our application; for you and the Minister, nothing doth this
case fairly and justly, we were ready, willing; and would
submit the same for your consideration. For! we may as
well confess to you; that our friends there people are
too, too fast.—

We — have related for your information, that in about
an hour after the Public meeting terminated it was; our then as-
sertained the $320,— might have been despatched to the depart.
ment at Ottawa, since your Honor. & J. G. Bolton Esq.
— the receipt of — letter of notification as aforesaid!...

Albert [illegible] Captain Allen was mostly
of doing justice to the department, the public, The Hon. & J
and G. Bolton, and Esq. and the Most fairness of Colleg-
ues and Honorable dealing. Thank we beg leave to pre-
sent fairly — Jarvis Esq; as second for a distance of
40 miles; handing this pick for shipment, at Killarney!...

Except on the J. G. Bolton Timpson[illegible] where
— fishing is being carried on at present...

We — at first intended, by recommending that this Post
not hence be wiped out, this when was subsly considered,
that so much money was invested in the property, and that
large inducements were held out by our late predecessor,
to J. G. Ramsay as the fishermen fishing at different
places in Georgian Bay — also to get up Boats and
fish there... Seeing that so many persons, Two dollar
hundred[illegible] were living on fishes, and in preparation for
fishing at Shawanaga, Sturgeon Bay, Parry Island, Shoppi-
shawa, Snake Bay, Pt. au Baril, and Cockburn Is-
land!... Our own persons and Boys only, were not
being last season, and fishes violent hence or hence;

we deem it now more prudent, in a delicate matter of this Kind; to act with due care and caution. —

Leting therefore on the equal side of equity and Justice is all; and with profound respect for the department, we now attach the communication from Messrs J. and C. Noles, and J. W. Ramsey.— To, The Honble The Minister, Habana!: giving a long string strung for the Minister, and your information... We have to report and let you know, that it is our wish; that this application should receive due consideration at your hands and the Ministers; and in a delicate matter of this Kind we abet your remarks, on the assertions put forth by them in this document; because our mission here, at Killarney," is to smooth over, lay the dust, and quiet the fuss of discontent amongst fishermen. —

We now respectfully submit this document for your perusal, and we have to report, that we deemed it necessary to take J. and C. Noles and his,— That with your decision we receive to this report, we now have, shall be set out by them. — We deemed it necessary to say also to them in temperate and firm language, that the law, regulations and orders from the department must, and shall be in future, henceforth strictly known and respected by them and their fishermen. —

Under all the peculiar circumstances of the case, to say the funds being set in Jurgian Key, and adjacent waters of Lake Horn; and being taken with Net and Hook; we here report, we jointly have to the conclusion to recommend that you will be pleased to grant a license to Messrs J. and C. Noles, and J. W. Ramsey,— to the full 8 months, single pole, or hook. — And in doing this, we principles are pleased to report to you, that the friendliest feelings at present exist between Messrs Hook and Net, and the Noles,— The fishing is, and has been very good, thus far this season, and profitable!:

Dated with profound respect. We have the Honor to be,

Your Excellencies Obedient Servants,

Signed!— [illegible]

do,— [illegible]

Private!

Hamilton, Ont.—
5. June 1884.—

Dear Captain Wilson!—

I send you herewith a copy of our report made at Kilkenny, signed by you and I was mailed for Ottawa on the 30th of May last.—

It is right and proper that you should have this copy in case of future reference. It imposed on me no additional labour, as I had in any case to write a copy to take the impression by letter press in my letter Book.— As arrangements between the Department, by Cash draft, of $45.00 I received from Mr. Noble, for J. Rents, finding within which of the Lessees limits. I recommended that the Leases should be sent to you to countersign, and deliver; I also sent forward the $15.00 I got from Mr. Clark, Kilkenny. Kilkenny for Richard Griffin, failing 3 Cords, more or less, years of Lease each, in the Rear of Solomon James division which extends from Barry Lane to Mr. Wilkie's limits. Holmes Lease.—

I was to present further remarks by White Jackson: I recommended this lease be sent to you to countersign and deliver, instead of sending it for the Noble and mere signature and delivery. I also applied to the Department and I recommended that a copy of J. C. Holmes Lease for 5 years, with detail of Mr. Wilkie of J. Rent, including Expense and Expenses, be sent you as soon as convenient.—

I have not received my report yet, this I take for early next week, but I have sent — from this Point to the Branch, and I remember you.—



Dear ones reading you no to tell you! — me is via expire you! on Sunday the Rifle left Killarney at 6 p.m.; I was the boy ing to get with; about Lord Selsea, named a bad fright & not explain, and the my back suffered; my Kidneys is low I could not straighten myself up! I slept — not off. and at Killarney, for a cup tea while 5. a.m. on Sunday morning; when I got up at Killarney. — He off to Cork upon until a reached Cove Cobh, up a while again on tide we reached Passage, the last thing done, off to Cork upon — the we reached the Cork water! arriving at Rowlands in Red from 4. p.m., on Sunday morning until 4. a.m. Monday morning, except two Cobh, at Cork Cobh, — we Cove for the tide into Hamilton! and I may take your Cobh since 4. a.m., & Cove at Cork Cobh Cobh in Cove 6. p.m. —, — I Cove Cove visiting Cove! Cobh the Passage left in the Cobh 4. Cove! — the good Cobh in Passage

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He Killarney! to work while it is day, the night (dark) cometh, when no man can work! —

Cheer! by giving some of them a little sponge of Phenine every three hours for the first 2 days. I believe I am now getting better, and I expect soon to be all right, and myself again.

I hope you arrive home safe and sound; when write my regret to Mrs Russell. I will remain &c.

Do your Kind suggestion and information me I think you sincerely Hoping you, Mrs Wilson and your Family are in the enjoyment of good health, believe me always my dear Sir

Yours sincerely

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Lieut Cooper

Captain Jas. Wilson,

Lieut Cooper

Lt St Helens.

Major Hotch

Hamilton. Ont.
6th June 1884.-

My dear Brother Clark. - -

This will introduce to you, Mr Richard Gilbert. of whom I have spoken to you about. - -

You will find him a good hard working fisherman, faithful and true. - He is accompanied by his brother Robert Gilbert. be pleased to give him a place also. -

I am sorry to tell you that from Saturday morning last, after going on Board the Pacific, - to the present time, I have been very ill with griping pains and a violent severe bowel complaint. - my back and Kidneys suffered. -

I am just beginning to get better. - So you will see I am write to you!

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Kindly remember me to my more than friend and Brother D. Cameron, and his good kind wife - to whom I send some flower seeds! -

And be sure to Kindly and cordially remember me! you Know how to do it to Mrs Thelo, her son - Willie, and Miss Thelo, and present my respects, and warm greets, - I sent your $15,- and the balance amounting to $93 more to the Fisheries dept and applied for licences - it was a hard task to write so much but I done it. -

I must try and write you another time as the bearer is in a hurry to be off. -

And as usual believe me. -

Yours fraternally -
John McKee
Fishery Commr

Kindly remember me to Alf, and the Boys! - J. McK -

Hamilton. Sept:

6. # June 1884. — Am glad our Uncle Ed. knows our
address. Trust you are
All/Jan Franklin Block. — his upon this subject. To whom I have
The mail arrives at 9pm. please keep
Mr Brothers Lyceum at eleven 9 hours
Reporter to you about. —
You will find him a good true
worthy fellow. Gratify our
Uncle. — He is accompanied by his
Uncle Robert Gilbert. To please to
give him a place also. —
I am sorry to see you that you
Saturday evening last. after going on
Farm the Engine? to the present time.
9 have been very ill with pining pain
in a violent sore throat complaint. —
my last was things suppose. —
I am just beginning to get better. —
As you will see I am write to you!

Thursday Sept:

Thinks I may remember me to my more
kind friends and Uncle Ed. Jonson and
his sport this night. To whom I have are
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1st Battn Riding Horse

James R. Gordon,
Sub Lieut,
Franchise,
Late of 4th Battn Regt
Franchise.
St. Catharines,
Resident on 7th June 1864.

1st Battn Riding Horse

J. B. Vankleek Esqre
Barrister.
Vankleek P. Office.
Ont.
Resident on 7th June 1864.

1st Battn Riding Horse

Lieut. Wells Esqre
Grimsby.
Ont.
Resident on 7th June 1864.

1st Battn Riding Horse

Colonel Skinner,
M. P. P. - R. E.
Burlington,
Ont.
Resident on 7th June 1864.

Hamilton, Ont.
9th June 1884...

Sir,-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 122,- for the sum of $20 dollars.--

Will you be pleased to apply this amount on account of license fee, for liquor issued to Messrs Harris and to C. A. Harris of Port Dover, for to sell in the Stingaree River there, during the current year... The license has already been received, and returned.-

With due respect.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,-
Your Obedient Servant.-
H. W. Harris
Duty Overseer.

S. P. Rousseau Esq
Com: of Customs-
Ottawa-

Hamilton. Ont.o.
9th June 1864.

Sir.

In obedience to your instructions to me, dated 1st inst. I left Hamilton on the night of the 2nd inst. having arranged a meeting with Captain Jos. Wilson, Comm. of the Str. Rescue, for 8 o'clock a.m. on the following day, at Killarney! viz. to Sault St. Marie!...

We met at Killarney on Thursday 3rd inst. and I am happy to report that on arriving in Killarney on the 2nd inst. I found Captain Jos. Wilson, fully carrying out my wishes, having got there the night before: — we were not long making each other's acquaintance: I found Mr. Wilson, from start to finish, to be every thing you had described him to me; except that he is a pure Scotchman, not English, even more acceptable to me! "A man's a man for a that."

Mr. Wilson is a man after my own mind, we met as friends — I posted him as you instructed me; with the Chart, Log, Compass!

I hope you will be satisfied with the results which I shall now endeavour to lay before you. —

Having left Killarney on the 2nd inst. at 10 a.m. we found our way through the Islands; Some of the Islands are very pretty! I was able to enjoy the fine weather we had, and the scenery, it was a treat to me! —

I must here report, that I left Hamilton at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday evening 31st ult. by Train, arrived at the Niagara at 1 p.m. Miles 130. — Got on board the Str. Rescue, was started out of the Harbour, for Killarney at 1.30 p.m. — Weather fine, strong breeze; rain fell, and blowing, it was blowing right in our teeth. — The whole running time

S. B. Hamilton
to Killarney
Miles

Captain Ben Compton, deemed it prudent, not to go in to sleep, but stood away right off. for Green Sound. - -

Keeping Green Sound, I turned in the gale, in this — ing and weather getting rough, slept to Winter. -

Woke up at 4. a. m., my Knees, and belly, were painfully sore, got on deck looked around, we were going nicely along — only in front of Cabot Head, the the fore deck with 1½" inch of Ice thereon, caused by the cooling up and freezing of the spray during the night.... Passengers all in their berths mostly sick none got sea sick on such trips...

On awakening, about 1. p. m., when Parigis arrived at J. and C. Nobles, wharf; and I stept off the Boat on to the Atlantic, and the wharf! C. Noble made an exclamation "Good mealess gor sumk!" "Here comes the old fellow up again to take our Lease from us!" — to which, an Collingwood Fisherman replied! Charley, we will all receive equal justice from J. W. Kerr, — all will eat the porridge out of the same pot in future!.

That night, about 9. p. m. — Captain Wilson and I, commenced, and discussed the Fishery affairs of the Bay. Bayes, and Lyon Islands, Georgian Bay, fisheries, and all things appertaining thereto! The — sion of the late Coroner, James Cotton. —

And we retired to do this, at intervals, from the morning until evening returning, when Steamer Spartan, arrived, on her upward trip to Sault Ste Marie; and Captain Jas. Wilson, known by, for home, I this time gave by and I prepared to accompany him up, and I left Killarney, same evening, on return trip of Parigis, at 6. p. m., pleasant foggy weather. - -

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Whereupon Captain Wilson then gave Evidence as follows:-

I Keep nothing but one Light Skiff....

I have in my Possession a report made against Thomas James Pattison of Appointment, dated Ottawa, 17th September 1883, and I now produce the same to Him; the said Thomas James Pattison being present, the Investigation touching charges preferred by Captain Wilson against Thomas James Pattison the Defendant was then by him the said Captain Wilson, the Evidence and Statements of Captain Wilson, as appears in the Depositions taken, and I produce to him a copy of the Evidence I have taken....

I then read over for Captain Wilson, copy of my report to you, for the Minister, dated 31st October 1883, and he declares it fully and fairly....

I then read over for Captain Wilson, copy of your letter, dated Ottawa, 13th December 1883, addressed to Messrs J. and C. Nolan, Collingwood, Ont, - giving the Minister and you Opinion on my said report....

I, also shewed Captain Wilson, the copies of the letter, addressed to Messrs D. & O. Ont, and others, Owners, and to W.A. Bent, and others, Collingwood; I gave Captain Wilson; the W.A. Bent copy - to shew to any person it was a reference....

I produced and read for Captain Wilson, Thomas James Pattison his Log Book; his life on the Steamer Alexandria, Lost & Missing, Lost & Missing, the Steamer The Thos. Pattison, Speed Thirteen; and will force flight to Ottawa, and return to Collingwood! - and my report thereon; and this Captain Wilson, Declares false....

I then read for the Second Wilson, the copy of your letter, dated 4th January 1884, - to Mr Jas: Pattison, Collingwood, dismissing him from the service, and giving him three valid reasons, why you had done so, -

3.-

Dec. I read for Captain Jos: Wilson, your letter, dated Ottawa, 7th inst January 1884, addressed to me, by you, appointing me to wind up Cattou's division; sending me a copy of letter referred to! —

His to consist of a statement of the yield and value of the Fisheries in Cattou's division for season of 1883, — and of the collection of unpaid fishery dues fees! — I explained to Captain Jos: Wilson, how I had done all this! —

My acquired knowledge since I made that Statistic report to you; proves to a demonstration, that our Fisheries, and their yield, and catch, has been underdrawn annually, by fishery officers, who have made the returns of Gaspian Bay fisheries.

I may here report for your information, that Trout, and white fish, are being taught by us, a lesson, and I am told, a price ranging 8 pence, for white fish, and 4 pence for Trout, — dozen! —

These same fish, are sold by them, and delivered on board the Steamers at Killarney, packed in layers of ice; in Tub cars, containing about 2,000. pounds each car. for 4½ ct. per pound, delivered to dealers, at Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo, N.Y. who pay all the freight charges thereon. — —

The price at which these fish are being sold, at this present day, is price 7 ct. per pound, and 8 ct. sometimes for Trout, — and 10 ct. per pound for white fish.

I may here positively assert, that there is an evident feeling that we have for years gone in the catch of white fish, who compare with the catch of Trout, so much, as to attract observation, and some surprise from fishermen, dealers, fishery officers and the public! — as the catch will not be the same

In making enquiries, I could not learn from any source; that the Bill Mackerels of Ontario Lake did this fish — Forgive me!...

I also read for Captain Jos: Wilson, the copy of letter, dated 30th January 1884, which you sent to D. McCarthy, Esqre M.P. House of Commons, — so deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of his constituents, the Collingwood Boat fishermen; I explained the matter to Capt. Wilson.

I explained to Captain Wilson, that the department, at Ottawa, never thought you Jordan right, in using nets of all Gill 5" inch mesh, gill nets, fishing all over our Lakes, and I read to him, your letters, addressed to the dealers, who supplied the nets; before they ordered their supplies for next season; and the reply you had received for instance, from W. Darling and Bro. - Montreal and J. Fisky Thomas, which proved to please him!...

In discussing the application, made by Jno. B. Hall and Bro. for a Close Net license, for this present year, Charles Foster, who attended; thought it strange; that Alick Clark, D.W. Cat and several others had various licenses to fish set Nets; they have supplied for, whilst their application was questioned; and the granting of the licenses to them refused:—

Captain Wilson's reply, was nice to this, was; you remarks are identical, if you only look at the Evidence given by many here; whom you have not met to-day but yesterday, although you have sought them for fish; without you can know this, you ought to be satisfied, we are sent to get the matter, as they are; by hearing parties of fish.—

Capt. Wilson answered, I am opposed to Americans fishing on the Canada side: and on a Canadian subject that fish, "during close season"; and then he was so astonished at what he saw; that he could not utter another word.—

The journals, he examined in close session, the Books and pile of fish: and was silent at that; had he been able to procure a Boy at the time he would have sworn, and enforced those Laws into.—

Capt. Wilson said! examined the head and the hearts of two Bounds, by lifting them up; and I found them filled with a putrid mass of dead fish, fish, lamprey eels fish of various sizes; which pollutes the waters of Lake Huron; and such destruction of so many valuable fish, has made such an unfavourable impression on my mind, that he was opposed to Canadians fishing altogether. — And as all other Canadians, fishermen, were stopped, he would desire J. and B. Wilson, and J. V. Clement, to get their pardons! It was arranged and agreed to by Coroner Kerr, and himself. — —

The taking of the fish, at the heads and tails, when fishing up, is a matter to which I must respectfully call your attention! those Canadians heads and hearts, which require the strictest and closest attention given to them, during this season: by fishing officers and proprietors, more attention than ever was paid before. — — —

I apply to J. Wilson, Esquire, that Mr. Wilson, has received license to fish Bounds, but that I oppose the granting this license! — In this I am actuated by giving my letter dated, stating therein the application I made for license in behalf of Mr. Wilson for fish Bounds and also I remember the granting of the same! also for reasons given and sufficient, why Mr. Wilson was their refused! also I wish, Mr. Wilson, that the matter in question, may be made applying again. —

[illegible] the same time as I did; by Peter. The superintendent quoted the black list clause at once, and I refer him accordingly to the note prepared for the fish. "By black list you are correct" he said. But you, Jno. B. Noble, and J. W. Ramsey, know as well as I do, how numerous fishing boats there are engaged in the early; and you are now preparing for a fish, and you are doing duties and piles for more vessels than exist of the Wilson department, which I sent you at dinner; whilst Capt. Wilson sent bus to settle this matter for you and — you are distinctly telling you to fish how, or does under such regulations must be duly and duly observed by you and all others concerned. — —

It being previously fixed between myself and Captain Wilson — I then said to C. Noble, and J. W. Ramsey, I will read for you the application I made in your behalf — I read application to you, dated 17th May 1884, and your reply thereto dated 19th May 1884, and I then said Capt. Wilson and I, have given your case a good deal of our thought and mind, and we were so impressed at first with the Monopoly you already enjoy; besides the privilege you have in now fishing for both when of you leave limit of 12 miles that you at present enjoy; that we were to it, the House not known, especially when the Records better I first have seems to us, we must oppose to you the the privileges you already enjoy, are more than sufficient for you! — At first Capt. Wilson and I, seemed to think, it would be a duty imperative on us, to wipe out your Co. rule, altogether! but on more mature thought and consideration, have my objection to the wipeing of the Wilson Co. rule! — when we give so much money invested in this fish by your fishing industry by: when we I have seen to the letter enclosed! in this letter of yours; and letter of the Department, Ottawa, appeal to Capt. Wilson and me, we are known to you! you just as known as you like. —

E

Mr. Clark, has never paid him yet for 1883, for his 24 Boats @ $120,— while you have more boats than Mr. Clark, which you have not paid for yet!— You should in the first place, at the commencement of this year have made application for all your licences.—

I received Mr. J. W. Remy, to apply six months ago.— to it now, or at this day 29th May 1884, and it was only after this, that application was sent you was handed to me for presentation to you! and which Capt. Wilson and I forwarded to you, per our report dated 30th May 1884, which was written by me at Killarney, signed by us jointly, at the date hereof.—

We recommended that you grant Jane E. Nolan Boat net licence for 1884, the circumstances under which we recommended the same being our apology.—

Enquiry takes will have to be made, and more than by myself by Officers in charge of Division when fishermets are fished to see that the lands and boats are clean of them on this fish every day the Boats are fished up! also that the fish taken therefrom are properly disposed of by keeping to law.—

Your letter, dated, Ottawa, 26th March 1884, addressed to J. H. Nelson, Esq. Killarney,— in reply to his letter of 22. March, handed me by Mr. Dawson, M. P.,— to you!—

Letter! No: 3,— "Persons under fish are citizens "Right as they in entire scope though the waters of "the Lakes and Canada;"—

The statement of Capt. Wilson proves conclusively the fact that the Indians pretend to exercise fishing and hunting rights on the Islands, and this:— No evidence can be given in Mr. Nelson's statement whatever! and M. P. should stop their improper struggles!.— If they visit Islands

The statement carried on by some of these fishermen, while I have been myself visiting though for other fish is —

damaging and injurious to our fisheries. ...

I am to beg also to remind you that the usual penalty of the law be in future inflicted in every case by a fine of ... and such infraction will inevitably be followed by the seizure and confiscation of the vessel concerned.

Capt. Wilson, B. Noble, J. W. Ramsay, and G. St. Jacques, Esq. I called this Council not meeting, and fishing matters were spoken of by them, but did not see Capt. Wilson & Noble, nor Mr. Ramsay, but I found out from J. and B. Noble & Co. that Capt. Wilson had sent you. — It was two or perhaps more hours after the meeting broke up, that J. W. Ramsay told me of it being held for that night.

Capt. Jos. Wilson says the fishing vessels he owns the boats K. uses not vessels but net fishing and Boats gill net fishing. — Journals of his either; except when the latter is engaged with this Co. when no at present employed under K. by Fishermen, in Salt Lake. ...

Same note as to the American side, how much the Fishermen on the American side; at Gull St. Marie. ...

Fishing Boats on Canada side; so as to counteract American Canoe fishing on American side; under instructions of Capt. Jos: Wilson; and this is about all he said — this Journal.

Now as regards the occupation of Sugar Island, the Report that of foreigners and Aliens fishing the fishing season of each year. I find it so, that — Ramsay & J. and B. Noble, & the fishermen the right of foreign fishermen and employees of same: as such; [illegible] not a word of explanation given them! why, this must lie by the Sec. Treas. and the Collector, &c. &c. ...

The fishermen occupies the Islands, with their shanties, on which they live; with Nets for hauling

up, drying nets, repairing and buying nets there for same gear without exception, and the Steamboat, one or eight, and intermediates. — However, if your Excellency deems you, you will please see, the there is a falling off this season; in the number of Boats, and yards of nets! as compared with Boats, &c. returned by J. and C. Noble as fishing during year ending 31st December last.

Now as regards the bounds and limits of this lease, I am not prepared to say exactly where they are really situated! if a prosecution was to occur for Trespass there; the leased grounds should be first legally barged off, according to the bearings; before an occurrence of the Kind happen. — —

That there has always been a strong desire on the part of J. and C. Noble, to try titles, by bringing suit; I am perfectly satisfied! — For attached you will now find copy of Notice handed me, to be laid before you, with the concurrence of Captain Wilson. — Mr. Hutchins, has a Shanty on Capoose Island, in which he has lived for past 6 years, during fishing time / and whilst J. and C. Noble, try to make appear what observers of the fishing law, they are! they come out so plain for apparent rights. —

I may here tell you, J. and C. Noble, only paid me, for 9 Boat licenses! whilst they had per their own return 20, or 21. Boats more fishing outside their leased limits, for application to you of 3rd inst. instant.

If desirous of accommodating the Fisheries department, and your Officers! J. and C. Noble, could collect, and pay these 20, or 21, license fees: — they buy the fish "illegally caught," from these Indian and white fishermen, outside of their leased limits in Georgian Bay, at 2 ½ a piece, and sell them at 4½ ½ per pound; on grounds they should not be allowed to fish on; until they first pay up these fees, as fixed by your Order in Council of 15th March 1871,

19.

In the public Market Town and Cities; Fish above 8 lbs. which just now are worth 8½ per pound, and Cod at 7½ per pound.— The most equitable way, and it would give general satisfaction to Boat Fishermen, is for an Order to be issued by you, that all fish in future be bought and sold by the pound! —

What a task for Capt. Wilson, to bring J. and C. Nolan, to Justice and they are Fishery laws, rules and regulations.

My report and recommendation to cancel J and C. Nolans, boats, will I hope be still carried out by you. — —

I am requested by several Boat Fishermen, to say to you, it would please them very much if you or the Minister, could make it convenient this summer to pay Government Boy. Fishermen and Fishing vessels visit! — and when you could see all things for your selves. — Captain Bolton's Surveying Trip; could be got ready for the Trip round?? —

Since the Hon: Peter Mitchell, was Minister, no person in a similar position has paid them a visit. — I do think I might favour you or the Minister, a visit this Fall, early one morning. — —

Such a lovely Island, as Lyon Island! — such a magnificent Harbour and upright, honest, wise, happy Inhabitants and excellent people as the Investigating Boat Fishermen. — I have seen the known Fishermen of England, from Lands End; and Bayonne Fishermen, at Brest, Bay Biscay, France; in fact you see poor fishing for living in the British Isles; but give me Investigating Boat Fishermen, by that you will see you shall Know them. — A visit by you or Minister will repay you 100. fold. —

Fishing has been very poor, at least I think any all over Georgian Bay — taking into effect, the want of Bait, and great amount of wreck, in water in Bays,

Nets, gill-, this line, K. E. -- this year. --

There is a drawback in fishing, as I observe there is in almost all other things! —

It was told me again! on 31st inst, at Killarney, that no fish, were fished for, nor caught up to date; within the limits of Lake Huron; fish bright, right, left, fine — & bear; in the waters of Georgian Bay, surrounding the same. — during this current year. — —

It was at this stage of affairs I found myself, when enquiries, I found out most evidently, that the fishing-ness between Tobermory - Isle of Lones, and Manitoulin gulf, is at least 20 miles wide; at its mouth, leading into Lake Huron, into Georgian Bay, and while making enquiries on this subject, 24, Boats, chiefly from Pts. on Lake Huron, were reported to me as fishing there, has their gill nets, some of them 4½", and mesh, stretched, fishing Order, one gang of nets, after the other, during the entire length of 20 miles & set across the entire channel, one in front of the other, leading into the fish from coming into Georgian Bay. —

This would give 132 miles of gill nets, - Suppose there were 12 nets in each boat, 500, yards long each net. — Six times as much gill nets in order leading into the fish, would quite sufficient, for catching the great majority of the fish that attempted to migrate thro' this by channel, not leaving the rest even before they entered Georgian Bay! — It is surprising change this has been to before! — It is simply wicked, one simply outrageous; — it seems to be in large channels of this Kind! 1/3rd at least, of this channel, should be immediately closed up with gill nets. Pound nets, or other devices, - I respectfully refer — to Sub section 5. of section 15, of the Fisheries Act. —

Respectfully submitted, and I remain this year, respectfully

being the northern side of the Ste. D. Cameron, W. A. Clark, and Charles Noble! we came to the conclusion to refer the matter to you! hoping that you will Order, that no more gill nets, or nets of any Kind shall be set in the Ste. of the channel, nor in front thereof, nor in front of Cameron Island.

About the 10th of June, Clerk Jack, and Capt. Clark, in a boat belonging to J. and C. Noble, — Steamer Clay Banks, visited about 1st of August ult. —

Mr. Jack was not, I expect sure in large Islands, — J. and C. Noble, — grounds this season: as many big caught in the Big channels, besides so many fish being caught outside the leased limits. —

D. C. Cameron, of the Sault St. Marie, and Geo: S. Miller Owen Sound, are the Canadians, — Mr. Cameron, did not visit the place, last year, I heard; he was sick. —

I cannot take of either Cameron or Miller, have been there this year yet. — I also heard, there are six gill Nets, being picked in South Bay, Lake Huron, — this year. —

One thing more, I find it my duty to report, and lay before you; W. A. Clark, Capt. Wilson, and I talked the matter over: — It appears the Ste. of Lemon Island, St. Cameron, between Bay Island, and Shallow water Island, Georgian Bay; from the Main, a Mr. Gibbins; at present a resident of Killarney; has been fishing in Georgian Bay; in front of the Reserves; which is East of the mouth of French River! — and in his station; —

Now gentlemen, wished to know from me; what he wants to do in that case; I replied I would submit the matter to you and ask for advice; in the mean time forbid the working, until he receives instructions from you. —

W.

I may here report for your information that H.M. Cloche, 24. Boats, and J, and C, Pollux 30 Boats, from Lynn Island, and Killarney; are now fishing from Boats. 40. miles out in Georgian Bay: and this distance is a fair computation. —

I am requested by Captain Wilson, to ask you to define his limits, round down the north channel, from Manitou River into Georgian Bay. — As there is an immense lot of work required to be done there, to bring matters right in connection with his new division. —

I have no complaint to make against fishing off Killarney shores is now free and clear. —

Whereas fishing in Georgian Bay, near Killarney ceases to pay by the vanishing in the scarcity of fish; Collingwood fishermen will now every reason steer from Lynn Island, and the vicinity, and are now to various other Islands, —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant, —

J. W. Keir —

Fishery Overseer

Manitou Islands

Sir

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

J. W. Keir

Fishery Overseer

[illegible]

18th June 1884.

I have the honor to report, that I have been appointed an Inspector of the Revenue Service of the United States, & to present you with the accompanying Plates, and to beg your acceptance of the same. —

Plate, No: 1. — Shows the Pacific and Atlantic Steamers; of the Inman Line, St. Louis & Mail Line! The Rev. Cutter Clark, of 500. tons, and the Clark, Kellogg fleet of Fishing Boats, upon duty in the Inland Harbour. — — 248

Plate, No 2. — Shows Pacific and Atlantic Steamers with flag flying; and the Fishing fleet, with sails set, moving through Lake; out into open waters of Bottlenose Bay, at Collingwood, & the distant fishing grounds of Georgian Bay: — Lyon Island; near the principal village of Killarney. — —

With this mine, I also present a number of pieces of Fishing, as well also a few specimens. —

The U.S. Cutter Clark, and the 24 Boats crew, with the Kindliest feeling to you, they have entrusted me, to make this presentation; and in doing this, I am requested by them to assure you: that their belief is, they have a warm and sincere friend in you. —

In this, I cordially agree with them. — The present is small, but is a token, to remind you of a Kindly act you have done them; and the sincere respect and warm esteem in which we now hold, the true hearted, good fishermen, of Collingwood, and Killarney. — —

With much respect, and Sincere regards, —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant, —

D. L. Watkins, Jr. Co.

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Copy.—

Kilmuir Estate
May 19th 1884.—

Wm. Hutchison.—
Kilmuir—

Dear Sir,— We are loth to believe the
gun we saw fishing in the waters inside
our lease.— If such is the case we would res-
pectfully inform you that we find it quite
enough to accommodate our own fishermen: And
if you continue fishing — then grounds we will
consider it a trespass; and govern ourselves ac-
cordingly.——

Yours very truly.—
J. & C. Nolan.
per J. M. J.—

Mem: for Mr Ranald.—

This is pretty cheeky,— no fishermen belonging to them
— fishing within their lease limit,— up to 14th of May— to my
Knowledge!— When J & C. Nolan— with the Customs decision of
their lease Case 30 Boats fishing for them outside their
limit,— even on my remaining lease yrs.— They paid
me for 9 Boats £45.0.0 £. but refused for the pay for
the balance say £90.0.0, more.— although buying the
fish from these fishermen within mentioned!.—

No time should be sufffered to enact this
Law!— Enforce my claims!

Hutchison. Esq
19 June 1884. 2

Newcastle Co.
11th June 1884.

Sir —

I have the honor to enclose herewith the application and recommendation that Jinking Bento an Engineer for the Tug Licensed for the waters of Georgian Bay should be allowed to run with a white Observation Flash or Red, stitched on their Main Mast. I recommend the same for your consideration. —

Respectfully Yours. —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant.

S. O. Ramsay Esq
Com. of Fisheries —
Ottawa. —

M. Lewis —
Fishery Overseer.

Collingwood
Newcastle
Lake Simcoe
Lake Huron
Lake Erie
Ontario

Collingwood
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Ontario

Hamilton Ontario.
10th June 1834.—

Sir—

It appears that when James B. Holden Esq. of Killarney,—received my letter of 21st March last, notifying him of your decision about their application for Grants not known to the parties of Killarney,—Lots on the Island at Killarney,—the Holden stormed, and said a great many things, not kind and intelligent about me!—

Now Sir, if you see any to condemn me; that is the best mode they take, in the dealings of any for the Interior department of this District of Ottawa. I shall always endeavour in settling matters for the superintendence of the Islands to forget that I know or ever heard of these unkind expressions. The expedient being explained to me by Mr. Killarney,—I shall never mention them!!

Also you be please to send me copy of J. B. Holden, Esq.,—application and letter to you enclosing Bank notes for £32.0.0. by Mr. Killarney for Light House. The explanation was: He cannot tell what a day may bring forth!—I found out the truth of this saying before I left Killarney last trip: from the Killarney way J. B. Holden, acted towards me.—

Respectfully submitted.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant
[illegible]

J. B. Holden Esq. M.P.
Com. of Islands,
Ottawa!—

Hamilton Ont.
19th June 1880.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the favorable consideration of Robert Jones Esq. M.P. Langham a Petition of the Municipality of Eastern Peterboro, Post Office praying that a license be issued to him, for permission to fish 1,000 yards, Eastern fish nets 11¾ by 11 inch meshes, extension measure, in Lake Ontario, between Stony Creek and Walkerville; distance from shore when other fishing with Seine or Pound net, is being carried on; the legal distance is 2 miles. The license fee should be at least $10, payable in advance.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license.

Respectfully Submitted.
I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer.

S. A. Armstrong Esq M.P.
Com: of Fisheries.
Ott[illegible]

Sheriff's Office,
Sir — 12 June 1844. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a Search Warrant in behalf of my client Mr. Lewis of the Town of Whitby for to find 300 yards of 3" inch cast Iron pipe with, in Lake Erie, between Short point and the east side of Whitby Harbour, & taken from the Vessel which the pipe points, between for a distance of 2 miles. —

The amount is to be of $1.00 ct. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this favor at your convenience. —

Respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant —
J. L. Wilkes —
Deputy Sheriff

J. A. Macaulay Esq —
Town of Whitby —
Ontario —

Niagara Falls
12 June 1844. —

Sir —

I have the honor to apply to you for a license for Messrs Joseph Gabriel & — Joseph Gabriel &c. of Lewiston & — Lessees & Joint — Occupiers — of Lots Nos: 1 and 14, in the Niagara River, at Lewiston Heights No: 1. — Station is to extend as far down the Niagara River, as the Lewiston railway; amount for this current year, is to same as last year, $10.00 ct. —

I also beg most respectfully to apply to you for a license for Messrs Joseph W. Gabriel & Bro^r. of Lewiston. — To spear Sturgeon in the Niagara River, on Station Nos: 18 and 19, during the present year, the amount is to be $5.00 ct. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the above licenses at your convenience. —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
John Hawkins —
Fishery Overseer —

L. O. Marshall Esqr
Com^r of Fisheries. —
Office. —

Dear!—

Answer of L. B. Randolph Esq...
Justice of Peace,—
Albion!—

I have just received a letter from Henry
Clay Esq. stating in this letter
of the Lightness of the night! I must [illegible]
filing this of this Lunar Circle, for the pur-
pose of which they ask me for permission for this
Lunar Light.— This Circle I have mentioned to
come in and file on their Lunar Circle:— They
should be made to pay up at once for the
Use of Such filing for the...

There is a Circle being sought, and stipu-
lated: for — Shelton Lodge, and Lafe
Lee the white file being — Shelton
pledge for 10 f — Jones is being one in
Lafe pledge for 10 f — Jones, one
to provide the four pledges one being
Lee; having four Lodge Lee, sought

good character, and when he or they
have complied sufficient; this night
Lunch one set in the order! Some pledg-
ing for in the file must be Legi-
ably made... There are to any file being
sought! one under the penalty of file made,
one being false — forgive this one Lafe
Henry the Clay should be! I take you
see this, in that you may at the proper
time; together the Plate is made that he
another proper limit,— about 15 Chest one
being sought only for the [illegible] white file.
and some people say so for 1,—

I would recommend that you be present
when at the filing Office, to select three
pro file —! the filing is for: in the pres-
ence filing is made! one not know it,
the — is the same! — please excuse me for
writing to you this! — Some of the file orders
say that one Circle — file being sought
the pro, in the one in the Circle one pro:—
make the — one Lafe one pro file



[illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... my mind in response! — Ah: Mark, what have [illegible] up at my [illegible]: I may see the [illegible] in the sun! — [illegible] the [illegible] to get by the Bonds [illegible] at the [illegible], on Bantham Beach: response — thing he ever saw in his life: he told me this before I leave the same thing, from Captain Jos: Wilcox ... If you are up here at Killarney in June, better put off July. I will be gone up in the City, and then you will see such a sight of dear girls, you never saw the like of, before! — Love Beatrice to me! —

I shall go the more immediate for — letter of Dickens of 4th May of this [illegible] — Mamie [illegible] against the girls in town, a great running about for the Dickens, at Lyon Street! after a little while, when I know the result I will let you know! ... my last visit was one of great [illegible] and the [illegible], — and A. Dickens; — for in response to my [illegible] to the effect that Mamie [illegible] girls with the Queen Circle: I received [illegible] and Queen to visit me with moderation; and in the same towards the girls in general; Christmas depart- ment, to hope you will discourage, and put down little [illegible] and [illegible] — [illegible] girls. now; see how the Empress is treating you — your brother now! you are going to Paris, and hoping the end of [illegible] you will have only [illegible] many here now [illegible] you have not [illegible] time for the Ball yet! Oh — a letter to the [illegible] not to see you; for [illegible] night! ... Capt Wilcox and I have — this [illegible] to see you: the city has to be seen and known! — the day I leave London [illegible] of — [illegible] to [illegible] the Ball and up in town; now to the Dickens. Mamie, the [illegible] are coming to Killarney — and to [illegible] this season: except a Grand Ball, I am [illegible] again: I wish you to Paris, not only on that [illegible] of [illegible] for [illegible] and you: [illegible] and myself — a Happy Christmas

Hamilton, Ont.
17 June 1884

My own Mama,

Yours of 11th inst. was received by me this morning enclosing to me the sad intelligence of the death of our "little" Arthur. Dearly, fondly loved by us all, but which we have reflected fully upon & know your affliction is a purer Christian manner than ever. & accept of your sympathies for this morning....

I write you from a Church yard on Wednesday morning! but the Letter you must wait, till we meet again! as the ground this for you & me was not mine in Church...

I am at present with Mrs Gage & Lillie here... Address me!

Your Daughter
Mrs Sheldon Hart
Hamilton Ont.

Yes my own Mama....

Dearly we grieve for our Darling boy, but let us bow with submission to the will of the Lord....

I hope my letter pleases you:— I have the sad news of Arthur's death to tell you, but I hope you will excuse me for the sake of the Mother,— who is longing for news of the Darling boy, but I will write & tell you all I can about it, for I know you will be anxious to hear all particulars,—

I am still at Mrs Gage's enjoying myself, & Mrs Gage & Lillie send their love to you, & Mrs Gage says she will write you soon,

Your affectionate Daughter

Hamilton, Ont.
14. June 1884.—

Dear Sir—

Yours of 10th instant is received. I expected you would have trouble with the G. Tr. Co. This I expected before you left home. You should not have left home without this, or a knowledge of it. Before you left you should have had the Deed recorded in Lincoln Co. Clerk's office. Then you would have had the right of selling or giving away lots. Without your name on the Deed you are powerless. Get a Deed from Mrs. Collins to yourself, and have it recorded in Lincoln Co. Clerk's office. Then you will have

Hamilton Ont.
17. June 1884.

My dear Li.-

Yours of 11th is received: also yr. letter to Johnson, & all come to hand safely. I return the particulars: you are aware of the persons & what they wrote, what they want the stone for & when they are going to take it to.-

And I write this by your own hand before the Minister, at Ottawa.... for you are very busy at present. But I mean to answer them.-

I received your kind note yesterday; and I write this for your benefit.- Yours &c. K.

J. Lemon-

Jas. D. Edgar-
Toronto-
Hamilton Ont.

Hamilton Ont.
11. June 1884..

My dear Sir!-

I have just received a letter from the Superintendent, Ottawa, in which he says he has not yet received from the Secretary that sketch of the tower & the plans, &c. about the Tidal Basin, & under your supervision at Long Point.-

I hope you are flourishing... K.K.

Kindly write me by return Mail, when you can send me the Lithographed Sketch, and the Survey &c.- which may have reached, or will reach:- which I am grieved by the Post, and the Boys! I am so sure!-

Yours Sincerely.-
J. Lemon.-

Sidney Smith

Hon. Chas. Lefroy
J. Lemon-
Long Point Ont.

When I shall ought to go on my voyage, I will write to you: —

Perhaps it may be happy: that I may never visit Kilmarnock again! — but be assured if it shall be otherwise; please assure Mrs Hislop and her daughter: I shall always bear them in my recollection and remembrance as friends! . . .

And in sincerity Brother Clark! Believe me Affectionately. —

P.S. Ask for the Wicked Wife — when you go to the Lazy Point Lake Inn?

P.S. I hope you have given Neil Gillet, and his Brother Hugh! —

Yours &c.

Hamilton, Upper Canada.
16. June 1834. —

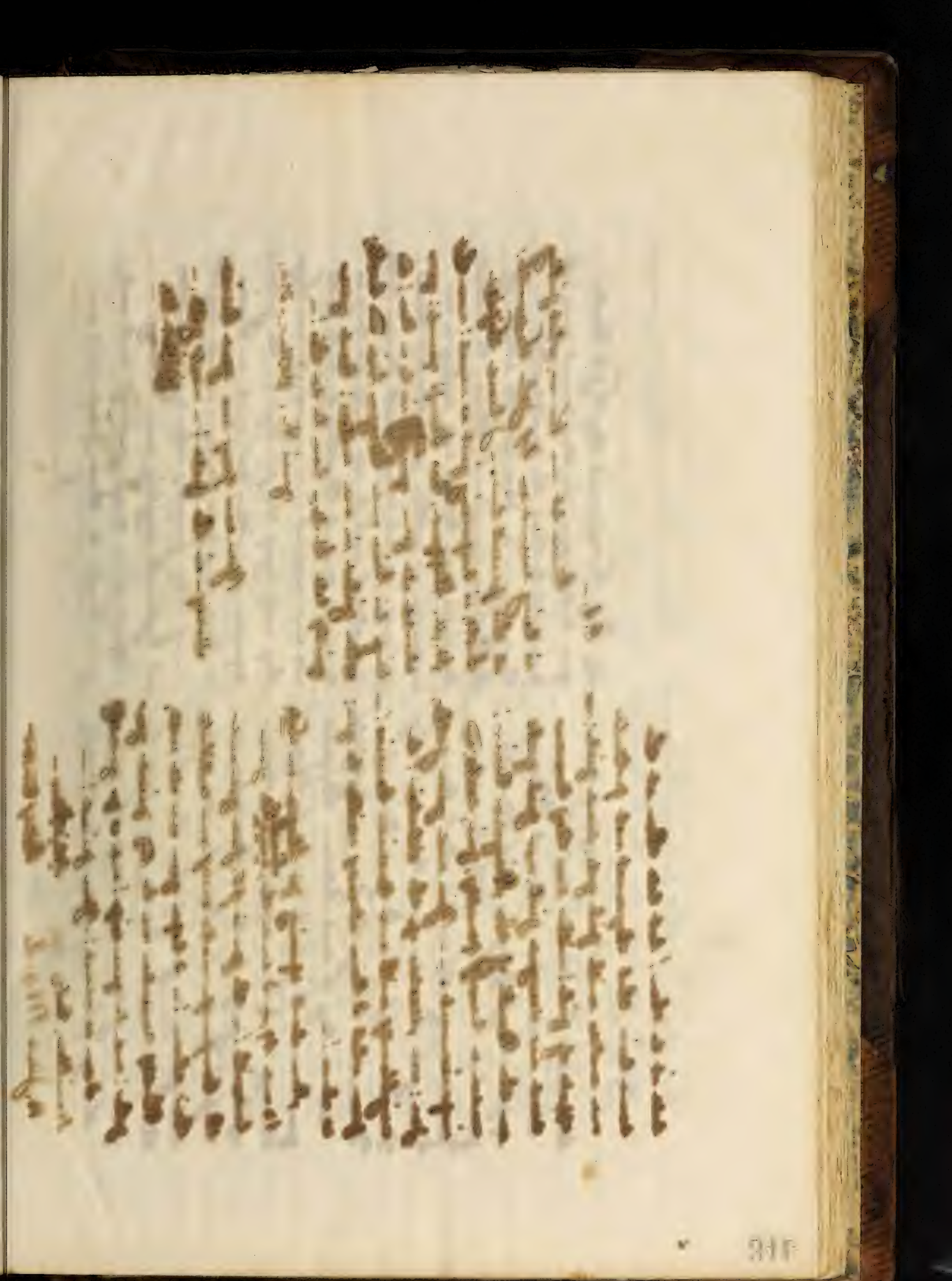
My dear Sister, I am at present quite well. My

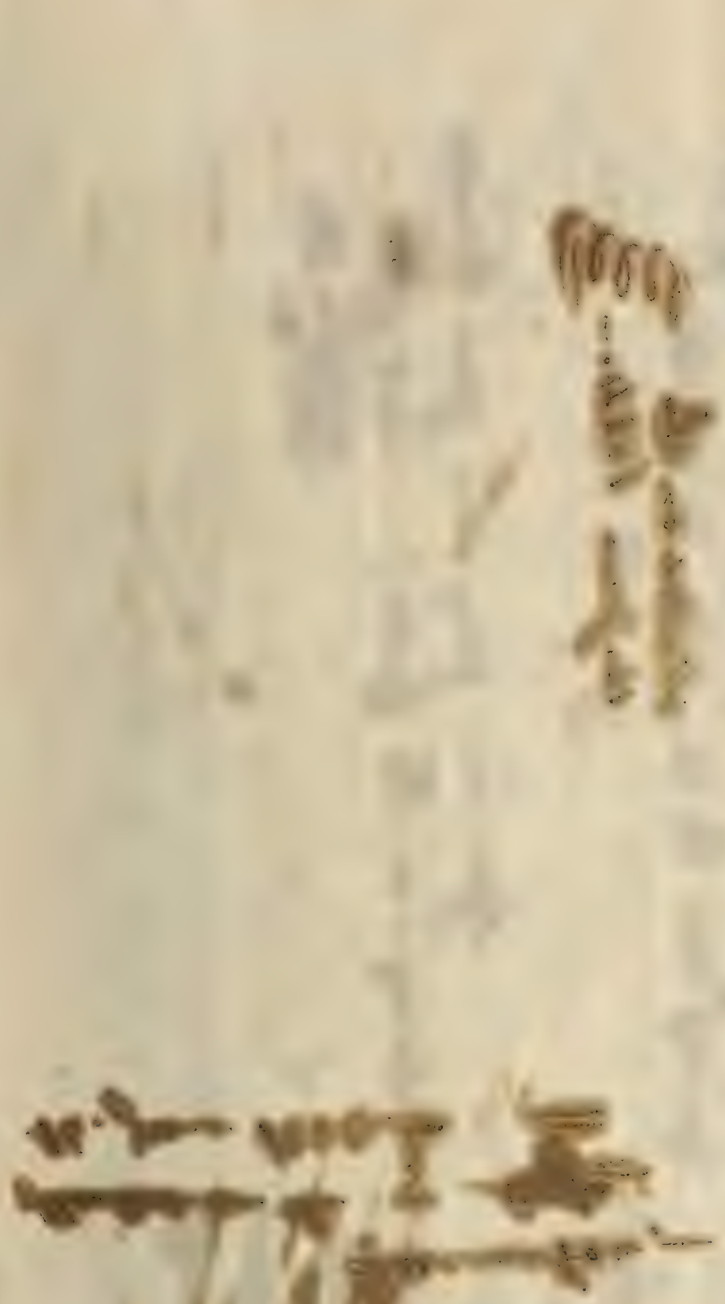
dear it was for the purpose, I desire you to go and see the Colonel, for the time ensuing. —

I sent the Spurs by Dick Gillet, to obtain to Mayor Hastings, and to letter for you. — I also gave Dick one Hower seed, for Mrs D. Cameron, and on Cole Root for Mrs D. Cameron, please take off; to write me; and any of the Clan has received their dutiful. — And please get off to write me; and send me a correct list of the Gillies, Sutherlands; Grant and Mackay Names; also please write of Jas & Co. Nelson Cameron Esq. — George Esq. — up to the time the last Letter to me — and get — Jas & Co. Nelson Cameron Esq. whereon Lot is, —.

At present I cannot tell you more! — I am writing this Letter a day — of the time to get it off. —

Yours





Hamilton. Ont.
19th June 1884.

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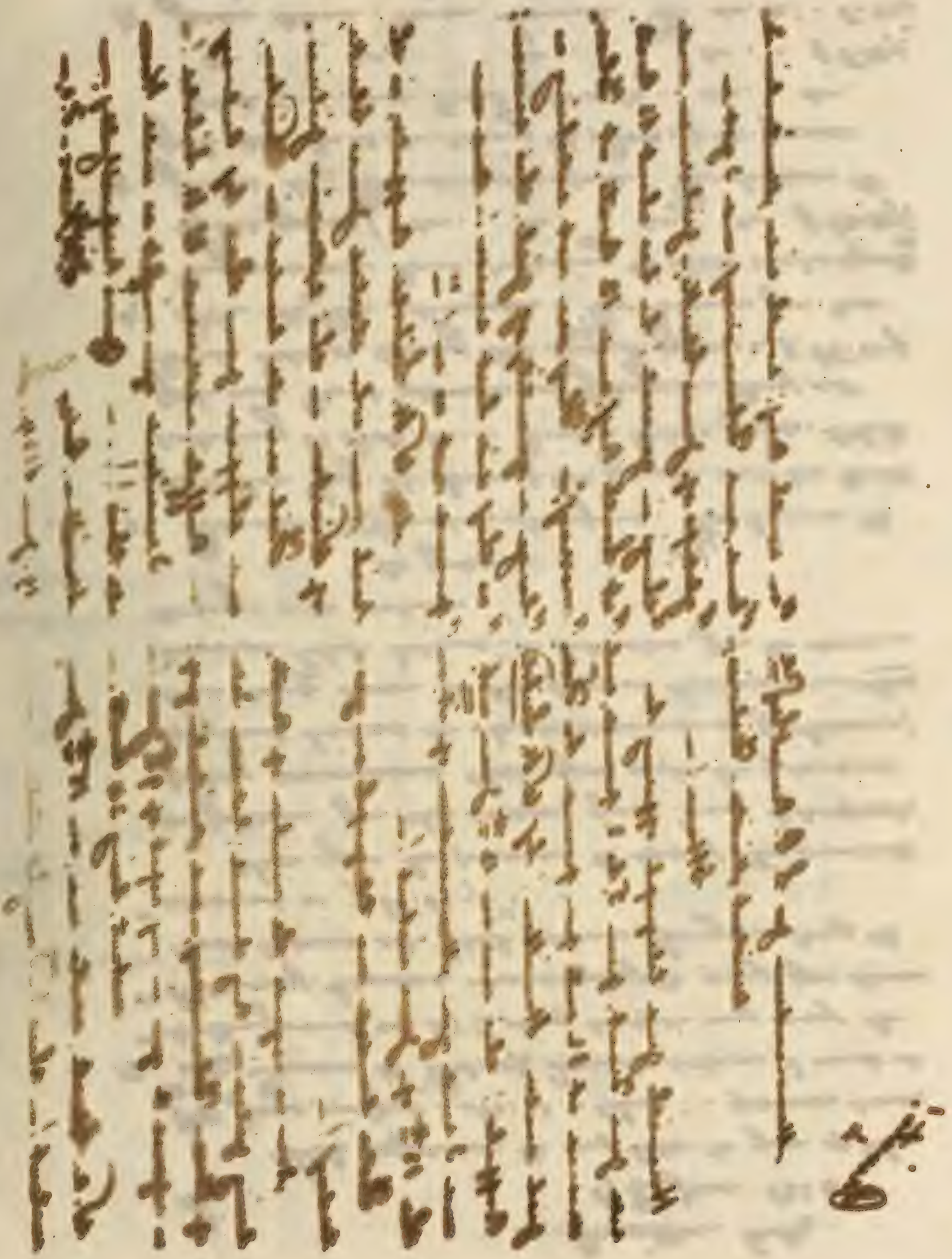
With reference to my letter to you of the 3rd June instant! No: 12. - then: - please read:
12. "The Town of Ont. of Toronto when I met at
" Collingwood on 27th May last on my way to
" Killarney. London me money to pay for horse
" hire &c. at Lake Nelson. Georgian Bay. the
" amount is $ 35.00 cts.

Also you be pleased to supply the amount
as follows: for the current year! and I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased
to grant leave to the undermentioned persons
and they name to the proper Crown in which
division "Lake Nelson" is situated, for the same
during one season!! -

As follows: -

* Donald McDonald. Shingwauk. To leave to
fish in Ty. N. Dist. 3 Net. yards, and the Privilege
of using 16 Net, and Trout 4 Net yards. While
fishing & Trout for sale in Georgian Bay. at
Lake Nelson, during the current year... $ 15.00 cts.
* John McKay. Shingwauk. To leave for the
Bay, one net Privilege of using 16 Net each 3 yards
3 Net yards! do. do. do. do. $ 10.00 cts
* James McDonald. Shingwauk! To leave to
fish in Trout, containing 16 Net. 3 Net yards
while fishing, and Trout for sale. - do. do.
do. do. do. do. - $ 5.00 cts
* James Shaw. Owen Sound. To do do: do. 5.00 cts
respectfully Solicited! I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant.
Dr. S. O. Ronald
Supt. Mich. of Indians.
Ottawa! -

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Hamilton, Ont.
19. June 1894. —

Sir

I have the honor to report for your information, that I observed in the waters of Lake Ontario between the Harbor, and the City of Toronto, and in the waters of Toronto Bay, thousands, upon thousands of dead fish: floating about on the surface of the water. the water both in Lake and Bay: is literally white with these dead fishes. —

They are the species of fish, known by the names of Herrings, Shad, and Sunfish.

There are more dead fish this season, by 1000, fish, to 1 dead fish: than I have ever seen or beheld: during any previous year before: These fish I believe die: because they are too long — fresh water of Lake Ontario.

Not being a salt water fish, they cannot live only for a time: when they leave the bay, and get out in our fresh fresh water Lake-Ontario. — —

I have with due respect, I beg to remain: remain the above for your information. — —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
W. Wilkes —
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Baumgartner Esq.
Dep. minister of
Fisheries, —
Ottawa. —

O. K

In regard to Lake Ontario, it seems the case, with these fish, floating the waters F. Y.
Hamilton — Do

in yesterday
19. June 1894
= " =
" "

Private!
3/11

My dear Alderman! -

Your kind favour was duly received, & for your kind proposition please accept my warm and sincere thanks. - - -

I propose to leave here on next Tuesday week, & shall be glad to see you at the Lottery. I will explain more fully then what I want. -

I must & get you now to buy a Ticket. If I succeed in my object you shall be handsomely rewarded by me. -

I am also in search of 21 first prize numbers for which I will pay you 5% commission. -

Thanking you for which I am duly indebted to you. - - -

Kind regards & Thanks. -

And I am yours gratefully & faithfully

Wm. Wilkes. -

Hamilton, Ont.
21. June 1894.

The William Kerr.

Hamilton

1st to April 31st June

1824.						
April	1st	At St Catharines to see J. B. Rykert, M. P.	1.	72. Ry & K.	3.	25.
"	7.	At Port Dover to clear Sloop Eliza.				
"	—	by the Steward make his returns. —	1.	144. do.	5.	55.
"	8.	At Port Dover; and home to Hamilton. —	1.	66 Ry & K.	1	60.
	9.	Cloudy Weather Heights pending Time home —				
		this: for Pike. K. K.	1.	2. Ry & B. Boats.	1	75.
	13.	In N. Ry. and Lake Trolling for fish only	1.	20. Ry & B. R. Ry.	2	00.
		some proper yearly Clr. —	1.	58. Ry & B.	4	45.
	14.	At Niagara and St Catharines, clearing	1.	60. —	2.	90.
		Steam Jury! —		N & B. —		
	15.	At Niagara S. Bridge, and Hamilton! —	1.	54. Ry. —	4	00.
	16.	At Hamilton, and on Dalhousie Ry. search	1.	50. do.	"	80.
		for Pike gills nets. found none! —				
	17.	At Hamilton and Hamilton. —				
	18.	At Heights. the Plains, and B. Beach, roads				
		bad Ry, and breaking up! —	1.	30. Ry.	3	00.
	21.	In A. Heights, searching for Pike gills nets. —	1.	12. N. & B.	2	00.
	22.	At Ry, thence to Pt Dalhousie, and the		54 & B. —		
		Town of Niagara. — Board & St. Jean	1.	64. Ry.	6.	50. —
	23.	At Niagara — all day! —	1.	— —	1	00.
	24.	At Niagara. S: Bridge and Hamilton. —	1.	60. Ry. —	2	75.
	29.	At Hamilton, and Ask Bridge. Ry. —	1.	62. do.		
		searching for Pike gills nets: see report.		Board	4	50.
	30.	At Toronto, and Hamilton. —	1.	48. Ry. —	1	75.
May	6.	At Toronto, to see Emerson Stallman, and		54 & B.		
		Fishery Guardian Wm Johnson.	1.	92 Ry.	4	50.
	18.	At Niagara, found all regular	1.	24. 14 & B.	2	00.
	19.	At Port Maitland Pt Credit, Toronto. Hamilton!	1.	92. Ry. & K.	3	00.
	23.	At Hamilton and Niagara.	1.	58. do.	4	50.
	24.	At Niagara St Catharines and Hamilton.	1.	50. N & B.	2	25.
June	18.	At Hamilton, and Ck Humber, see report. (Shad.)	1.	92. Ry. —	3	90.
	19.	At St. Heights, enquiring about Jas Jones, g. net,	1.	12. N & B.	1	50.
	20.	At B. Beach. Sent fishing Licence for 1824.	1.	24. do.	2	50.
	24.	At Port Dover on my visit to Long point		46. Ry. & K.	5	00.
	25.	At St Davids. Turning point and Long point	1.	40. Boats.	3	00.
	26.	At Long point, weather bound. —	1.	— —	3	00.
	27.	At Long point Port Dover, and Home. —	1.	62. Ry & Ry. — K.	5	75.
		3 days Board for crew of Ry at Long point, for 2 whole days (4 men absent.)	—	6. N & B.	2	75.
			Totals..	28.	1.270..	92	95 ½.

William Kerr

John William Kerr.—

Hamilton

1st Sept. 30th June

1884,						
Sept.	1st	At St Catharines, to see J. S. Kirkland, re. P.	1.	72. C. & K.	3.	95.
"	7.	At Port Dover, to show Canadian Sleep,				
		by to shoot ducks and his returns.—	1.	44. do.	5.	55.
"	9.	At Port Dover; and home to Hamilton	1.	44. C. & K.	1.	60.
"	9.	On Burlington Heights, posting "Close Season"				
"		notices, Jos Rees, Vt. Vt.,	1.	S. 44 B.	1.	75.
"	12.	On B. Bay, and Inlets, grappling for gill nets,		Boat.		
		some people, were spearing Pike.—	1.	20. H & B.	2.	00.
"	14.	At Niagara, and St Catharines, collecting		Row'g		
		Licence Fees!—	1.	50. H & B.	4.	45.
"	15.	At Niagara, S. Bridge, and Hamilton!	1.	60. do.	2.	90.
"	16.	At Toronto, and on Ash. Bridges Bay, search-		H & B.		
		ed for Pike gills nets, found none!—	1.	54. C. & K.	4.	00.
"	17.	At Toronto, and Hamilton.—	1.	50. do.	"	80.
"	18.	At Heights, the Plains, and B. Beach,				
		on Lake Shore and looking up!—	1.	30. H & B.	3.	00.
"	21.	On B. Heights, and [illegible] for Pike Gill Nets.—	1.	12. H & B.	2.	00.
"	22.	At Grimsby, down to Mr Dalrymple's on the		H & B.		
		Town of Niagara! Round to St. Jos!!	1.	64. C. & K.	6.	50.
"	23.	At Niagara, all day!—	1.	——	1	00.
"	24.	At Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton,	1.	60. C. & K.	2	75.
"	29.	At Toronto and Ash. Bridges Bay.—	1.	52. C. & K.		
		searching for Pike gill nets, see report,		Boat.	4.	50.
"	30.	At Toronto and Hamilton	1.	48. C. & K.	1	75.
Sept.	6.	At Toronto to see Engineer Hollinsale,		H & B.		
		and Fishery Guardian, Wm Johnson!	1.	92. C. & K.	4.	50.
"	18.	At Clarence, found all regular,	1.	24. H & B.	2.	00.
"	19.	At Big Creek, St Davids, Toronto & Hamilton,	1.	92. C. & K.	3.	90.
"	23.	" St Catharines, and Niagara!	1.	50. do.	4.	50.
"	24.	At Niagara, St Catharines, and Hamilton	1.	50. H & B.	2.	25.
June	18.	At Oakville, in the Steamer, see report (blank)	1.	92. C. & K.	3.	90.
"	19.	At B. Heights, enquiring about for Fishing	1.	12. H & B.	1.	50.
"	20.	At B. Beach, about Fishing Licences for 1884.	1.	24. do.	2	50.
"	24.	At Port Dover, on my way to Long point	1.	46. C. & K.	5	00.
"	25.	At Port Dover, Turk's point, and Long point,	1.	40. Boats,	3	00.
"	26.	At Long point, weather bound.—	1.	——	3	00.
"	27.	At Long point, Port Dover, and Home!—	1.	62. C. & K.		
		Paid Board for crew of Tug at		H & B.	5	75.
		Long point for 2, whole days! 4 in number,	——	6. H & B.	2	75.
				Totals,—	28, 1.275 miles	92 95

John W. Kerr.—

Hamilton

Ont.

The William Kerr. —
Collingwood, & Killarney.
9th March. 13th June '4.

1884.

March.	9.	Off to Collingwood and Killarney, per Order from Assistant Minister of Fisheries, to meet Overseer Joseph Wilson, from Sault St. Marie. — — — at Killarney. —	2.	34 T. Ref. and 250. Steamer Ref.	11.	00. —
	10.	Off to Cayoosa and Lyons Islands, —				
		George Bay. — — —		40. Tug.	1.	00. —
	11.	Off to French River, and the Rustards, —	1	40. Do.	1.	00. —
	12.	Off from French River, towards Lonely Island, in to Harbour at Lyons Island and back to Killarney. — —		On Board Tug. Marion 80. blank	1.	50. —
	13	All day in Killarney, getting information about the Fisheries for Mr. Ramsay. —	1.	3. Kings.	1.	00. —
	14. 15.	Off to Collingwood, called at Wiarton and Owen Sound, arrived at Collingwood, calling at Meaford. — — —		Ref. — Steamer		
		Thence by Rail to Toronto. — — —	2.	225. Reps.	5	95. —
	16.	Toronto, and Hamilton, — Home! —	1.	46. Ref. Vs.	3	20. —
	17.	Off to [illegible]		Ref. —		
	18.	way to Killarney, — arrived at Killarney. —		Ref. —		
	20.	at Noon, 20th inst. I found Overseer Captain Joseph Wilson, Sault St. Marie. —	2.	180. Reps.	7.	70. —
	29.	at Killarney, in consultation with Overseer Wilson	1.	— — —	1.	00.
	30.	At Killarney, do. do. do. — —	1.	— — —	1	00
	31.	At Killarney, do. do. do. —		Steamer Ref.		50.
April.	1st.	" Thence to Wiarton, Owen Sound, Meaford, and Collingwood. —	2.	130. —	2	50.
	2.	At Collingwood, Meaford, and Thornbury. —	1.	14	F.	25.

Amount $42 20/

William Kerr —
Hamilton —

John William Kerr —
Collingwood, and Killarney. —
9th May, 13th June

1854.
May. 9. Off to Collingwood and Kilkenny per rail
" Thence Overland to Nottawasaga to Joseph Wilson Esqr. Land Agt. N.W.C.
" " at Killarney. By Canoe
" 10. Off to Cognose, and Squaw Islands — 2. 24. @ 5/ 11. 00.
Georgian Bay.
" 11. Off to Shebeshekong River, and the Rapids. " 24. " 1. 00.
" 12. Off from Shebeshekong River to Lonely Island, 1. 24. " 1. 00.
and to the Harbour at Squaw Island.
and back to Killarney. By Canoe
" 13. Day off — Killarney, getting information 1. 20. Canoe, 1. 50.
about the Islands for the Canoe. —
" 14. Off to Collingwood, Call at Shebeshekong, 1. 24. @ 5/ 1. 00.
" 15. By Rail
" 16. Thence to Owen Sound — 2. 120. @ 5/ 5. 25.
" 17. Off " " — Home! 1. 24. @ 5/ 3 50.
" 18. Thence to Killarney, arrive at Killarney
" 20. at Noon, 18th from Owen Sound to By Canoe
Killarney — Joseph Wilson, Land Agt. again. 2. 240. @ 5/ 7. 70.
" 29. Day off — Killarney, with Canoe and 1. " 1. 00.
" 30. At Killarney, do. — do. — do. — 1. " 1. 00.
" 31. At Killarney, do. — do. — do. — By Canoe
June, 1st " Thence to Wiarton, Owen Sound, Steamboat 2. " 50
" 2. At Collingwood. Call at Toronto and 2 150. @ 5/ 2 50.
Hamilton. Home! — 1. 150. @ 5/ 4 25.

Recapitulation. 15. 1234 miles @ 42. 20/.

H. Wilkes —
Hamilton, —
Ont.



Dear!

S. A. Bruce Esq.
Assistant Minister of Education
Office!

Hamilton.- Ont.
1st July 1884.-

Sir.-

I have the honor to send herewith, for your consideration and approval; my account of expenses incurred for travel; while engaged on active duty in the Hamilton Division, for quarter ending 30th day of June 1884:- as follows!-

The total amount as per diary is.- - - - $.92.95 cts.-
Add! Voucher. 1.- John W. Kerr! Boat Service.- - - 5.00.- -
" = do.- 2.- John W. Kerr.- For Stationery.- 1.35.- -
" = do.- 3.- John W. Kerr.- - - Postages.- - " 2.87.- -
" = do.- 4.- John W. Kerr.- - " Telegraphs.- 1.96.- -
" = do.- 5.- John W. Kerr.- - - Office Rent.- 5.00.- -
Total.- $.109.13 cts

In submitting this account for your information, you will please find I had occasion to travel 1.278.- Miles, on active duty.- - -

The Boat Hire, was necessary in Ashbridges Bay.- and I succeeded in capturing 300 yards of Pike gill nets! illegally set there!-

The expenses incurred in visiting Long Point, in Lake Erie.- per your Order! could not be avoided, I was weather bound there! for 2 days, and 2 nights; I paid nothing for the Tug, that took me to Long point, and brought me back to Port Dover.-

I however, paid for Board for the Engineer, which I would not have to do; only for the stormy weather.-

Respectfully Submitted.- -

I have the Honor to be.-
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

S. P. Bancroft Esq.re
Assistant Minister
of Fisheries.-
Ottawa!-

Hibernia!

My dear Friends and Brothers!—

Prepare for a great sur-
prise! the day is near! and down goes
the Big Monopoly! Stand to your arms
don't yield an inch! your battle is
won! and not a drop of blood shed.
For England shall many a day—
Tell of the bloody fray.—
When the Green Island sees more
than Ireland!—

As I suppose you when I last saw
you in Killarney.— My friends, expect
a long report from me; when I depart
Killarney, now I go straight to Killarney
when I may [illegible] that I
come in better time in the day to
make a report! and notwithstanding
[illegible]

sleepless nights and attacks.— The
report 14 pages of foolscap, besides print
matter, was all got ready and despatched
by — to the Home on the 9th of June;
with a hip. hip! hip!! Hurrah.—

It is to you! my dear friends and brothers,
that I am indebted for the Genius Liberty
of Repeal Island. Repeal and the Repe-
ealers and with by your firmness
and integrity!—

[illegible] Holes have murdered the
Tenantry and the Irish expatriated. Many
more of it must! but the day is
near at hand!—

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!
for O'Connell for ever!

Hurrah! it is our prime of men! by the

Jewel of Rome Star, giving this year!- even with all Monopolies!- Real Liberty, and give each Eight sign mark for me!- It is only a question of time!- everything you proposed to me: shall be gradually carried into effect. . . .

You remember! I got from B. Nolle a list of 30. Roots- 9 Roots of which he paid me for! and engaged to pay me for 21. the balance!- I sent him to say that and asked him to send me the 9. Roots for which I paid him! for Roots are getting extinct here! I believe I was right, you asked me what to take me! when I wrote in my report to the A.G. That will encouraging for Nolle! the very expected! the Liberty of print! more needed than ever! for 49. Roots- one dozen pairs and 3 Rollers to Roots, and for [illegible] Roots! . . . Mrs. Parnell to the Roots Roots, of Life & Roots Roots and all the Roots Roots made in the the Knights Templars of Lyon Salem! in gallant, courteous, valiant, and generous! in Religious principles, and Christian! one Knight is one of the most valuable Knights to me! that you should when I commence my campaign in proper time! the opposite thoughts of my heart, mind and the good spirit within me, and to see Justice done! sympathy, prayers, hopes, prayers, and contentment made to become Templars! and perfect! the eleven rights of Knighthood! and Religious Christian! duties! serving men! good women and children, Masons, Knights, and Ret. Templars Masons!: will be always, and always be joyously glad in proportion remembrance for the Noble deeds they have done!- and Captain R. Templeton, of the Knights always remembered!-

"Love one another with a pure heart fervently"-

"The Knights and Virtues, mercy shew!"-

you, pleased Sarah, and gladly have you
misconstrue me to make this presentation,
and in doing this I am requested to
assure you, that this belief is — they have
made, and sincere friend in you.

In this I cordially agree with them!
The present is small, but it is a token
to remind you of the Kindness you
have done for them — and the sincere
respect, and the warm regard, which
them in which you are now held
by them. Kiss them for your
of blessing and belongings. —

Will accept, and believe
regard! — I have the honor to be
D. Sir, Yours
Sir, —
Most Obedient Humble Servt.
Ottawa! — [illegible]

I have just received a letter of the sixteen
from Lady Rich. [illegible] in answer
to, and got a notice: that I am to
go off to [illegible] with my stocks and

being shut at the gun. —

My last report was a storm! — Since
then the winter — Decided plants to set
to Jamaica Rep. — and see you etc, Thursday
thereby, and I promise them a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
5. July 1884...

Sir.—

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 203. for the sum of Twenty dollars.—

Will you be please to apply this amount as follows: for this current year.— Mary Ann A. Hamilton, Stoppard, Lancaster.— For land lately sold in the Niagara Dist. at Lancaster. already passed and delivered!. This amount is now due on after the 1st. inst. $ 15.00

1.— Mrs. Ann Richard Robert John Dixon, Niagara. For a Road Diary to Jail yard note in Lake Ontario, Township Lancaster now delivered.— $ 5.00

2.— John Dolton, Niagara! For Land Lately Diary for to Jail in Lake Ontario at 2 mile Creek!— Diary Lancaster now delivered. $ 5.00

4. John Richard Niagara! For Land Diary! for the same as last year!— Lake Ontario $ 5.00

please send me the Diary you deliver.—

Respectfully Solicitor!—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Dixon —
Deputy Sheriff.

L. O. Sheriff's Office
County of Lincoln.—
Ottawa!—

[illegible] ! Jos. D. Rousseau Esq.
Secretary of Victoria !—
Ottawa !—

1.. Dear Sir Received !—
Receipt.— Quarter Salary.—
to 30th June 1884.— $125.00

2.. Receipt.— for amount of
Account. to 31st March /84. 183.26

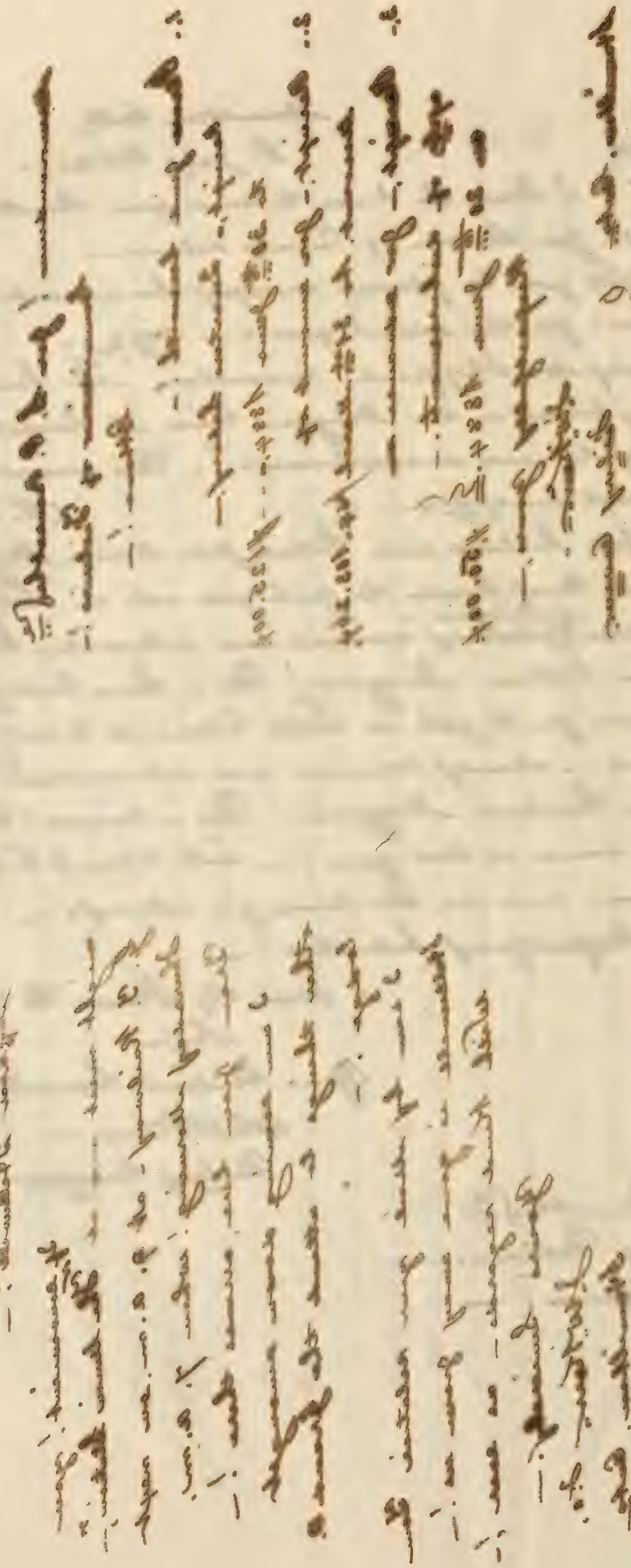
3.. Receipt.— for advance on
a/c of Enlargement.—
to 20th June 1884. £ 150.00

Respectfully Yours.—
J. W. Keen.
Hamilton. Ont.
5. July 1884 £

My dear Stallwood !—

I commenced ! you
ought not — to "He them better",—
G. T. Railway — at 9. a.m. on next
Tuesday Morning ! when 7. a.m.
Dear, you see, arrives there !—
I am coming down amongst
other things to attend the Grand O.
Lodge !—
I am by think your relatives Mr
Stallwood — your many friends as !—
with Kind regards — as ever !—
Yours Sincerely.—
J. W. Keen P.G.
Hamilton. Ont.
7. July 1884.

Wm Stallwood Esq
P.G. K.
Mystic Chain.
Ont.



Stockholm, Sweden
7 July

Copy!

Tyr: Keep Peter Pain, sleep to the Point. Don't see my Love, though it is lying Steyer, sucking it, and pressing it home, always feel me smiling!"

In that no matter what beef people may say or do; you have now the sanction of the Deities expedient to do what two people were giving first you for ever! — Go a head, pay no more attention to them! —

Remember me everyone with me in prayer! and I will be ever to pray to unite with you always! — In love unite I remain ever together in your Faith for the good and welfare of the Deities, and that is no mean ally! you, me & much to be again! —

2.

Paris!

Rue Pain Perdu
2 Avenue, —
Ley Point,

My own Love! —

In my return home to you Ley point; I have my letter & my Amour! I meet a few words of a private report to Home Quarters at Ottawa! — about you, and things in general! and I give you all the news. I received your dear & reply! by mail; I see nothing about that Yule or Sleigh ride, you told me so much about! — It was not necessary that I should go! — You will agree to you being walking and pressing Steyer! I see the expedient about it! — not a the capacity of a complaint, but as to silence on the Question in future!!.

Hi is the only reply I got the only. Love

It is written for the generation of
publicans & the Tithe or Tribute of
Every Kind. Like this: that you are the
Very Christ. Servant — as Paul was his
Servant: always obey your Leader,
Love please the Lord & serve Him
every day: love the same Spirit in him:
Myth — The generation and publicans of
our valuable Fishers of Every Spirit?"

The Church rule, Fishers by Occupation, at
the Baptism Ryans below, in the
Outer Ring: and by Relief on Tithes —
below the Bluff — Outer Ring — Every Spirit
Like this: one also under your supervision
Tuition: and worship with them —
as the Gospel this means, I write here
of them you love to make out
your returns! — Keep a record return
of the Gospel sought with Books, Tithes
for the Church, you can this as Every
Spirit as seen in the Fish our Church

that spirit of your Fish, our Fish Gods:
our publicans of a true Fish to receive
the Land; not to the Principle of water,
in any part of your division of Every Spirit.
"Ye who will now be please the
true Spirit" — Fish gods or Fish Officials! —
as the true Christ others finding they true
this! — Keep — serve the, of a Fish,
ought seeing this your by Baptism, K. —
Now as regards this: Tithes, your Fish
Fish! obey you, you have nothing to
do, last year, with the Church rule, nor the
quality of Fish, ought by them! it proves to
me conclusively how little he Knows about
your duty: for first by his worshiping: you
make no return that your of Fish ought by
them Church! — that no return from the true
worship of this. — It was not to worship for
— to them to Every Spirit again: for true this
my Name was Fish, — true you to hear
the Church you: as I have shown. —

Adieu mon ami. K. Fish Keys —
Fishers Everywhere

Oxford Gaol.

You promised me to write: I get — many letters, I beg — write me one, that I may see — your hand!. Remember.

The gaoler gave me ink, I write you so — lines only. — you [illegible] nevertheless! Let me, you promise me, hear you: you live — hear me! my dear: — me you live more than that, — life [illegible] with — shame — shall be angry: — me the Judge pass his sentence against you! —

You — see — a great [illegible] — hear: — hear, [illegible] by the hand — my — the Kiss of [illegible] my arms, — [illegible] — more [illegible]! — then you pray your heart [illegible] — for this

[illegible] pressed you; I beg — remember, let it appear to me! — I — long to see: hath — appear the Eyes life of white [illegible] — but give rest — Faith! and praying — of Love you! —

I — intended by the Divine dispensation, to carry out the two things! — with my Kiss appear to [illegible] Faith and daughter. —

Yours truly —
J. Wilkes —
City Prison,
Northampton.
7 July 1830. —

[illegible]
[illegible]
& Bedford. —
Esqr.

Hamilton Ont.

9th July 1884...

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a boat license for Duncan McGillivray of Burlington Beach; for to fish 500. yards of White fish gill nets, of the legal size of 5" inch mesh extension measure in Lake Ontario in front of the township of Saltfleet, during this currant year! the same to extend 5 miles outwards in the Lake in front of the said township...

In consequence of Duncan McGillivray's health not being good and having a large family of young small children; you will therefore please to grant him a "Free license," for several years past. —

I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant Duncan McGillivray a free license for the current year of 1884. —

Respectfully Submitted...

I Have the Honor to be.—

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Stark —

Police Magistrate. —

S. P. Bancroft Esqre
Com: of Fisheries, —
Ottawa! —

"Confidential."

Hamilton, Ont.
9. July 1864.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Patent Grant for my Steamboat of Navigation Canal. Due to pink 1.600. Yards of White pink and Herring pink No. 4 40 Nets 40. on Lake Ontario & the Welland Canal. - the permission for to pink the same on Lake Ontario - front of the Township of Gainsboro and extending from the beach - front of the same entrance for a distance of One mile. -

The license is to be for the current year of 1864.

The White pink grill not, shall be the legal size mesh of 5" inches, extension measure. -

And the Herring pink not shall be 2½" inch mesh extension measure. -

In consequence of the late misfortune, that has befallen the fish crop last year. I recommend that you will be pleased to grant me a free license, this year and in future. -

My Steamboat by the name E. has owned 20 tons up of 2,204 lbs. In an authority manner, the grace is to Mr. D. A. Chisholm, Barrister, C. of Hamilton. - to assist you in. - She has since then the name of Stirling in of this y 2204 lbs a year written up a Tel. Number, such agent at present 10 years. -

She employs 4 men and in case of a Steamer employs 10 men. -

Respectfully Submitted. -

I have the honor &c. -

Sir -

Your obedient Servant -

J. A. Chisholm

Agent for Fishing -

Hamilton C. W. -

Huron. Ohio.

Sir...

9. July. 1864. —

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Seine Hauling license, for Southern Corp. of Darlington Township. "To to put a White fish Seine, Lying & with mesh meter," on Lot No: 1, in Lake Erie, township & County aforesaid, during the present year 1864." —

Also the privilege of fishing 500 yards of 2½ inch mesh, extension measure, Herring Gill nets, — for Herring and Bass, in Lake Erie; in front of the Township of Sandusky, and to extend from the beach outwards; for a distance of 5 miles. — During 1864." —

No Herring gill net to be set on Seine hauling ground within 2 miles of same until 15th September next. —

In consequence of the falling off, in the catch, and sale of White fish; in my division of Lake Erie, I recommend that the license fee be $5.00 ps. and I recommend that you also be pleased to cancel the particular clause — the Seine, and two — license for nothing at your convenience. —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I have the honor &c. —

Sir —

Your Obedient Servt. —

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Deputy Collr.

I. R. Revenue Collr.

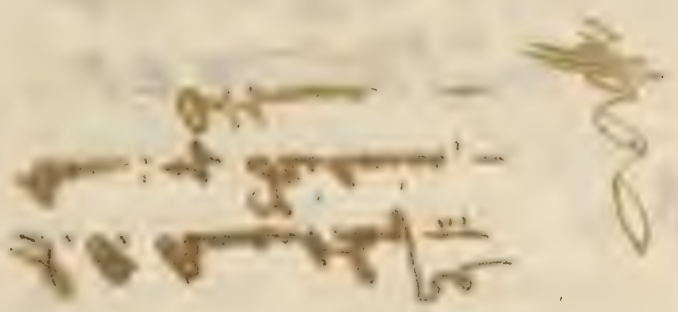
Dist. of Ohio. —

Akron. —

Hamilton, Ont.
9th July 1884....

I have the honor to apply to you for a
Fishing License for Long Point of Burlington Beach:-
To fish 500 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake On-
tario, just in front of his House and plant, B. Beach!
& buoy 200 yards Lake frontage; also, from the East end
of fishing Station, No: 1, in Lake Ontario; to the Canal
from the Bay Beach during the next year: & pay the
also the privilege of fishing the same for trout.
in front of Beach
by landing from boats outwards for a distance of 5
miles. - please send the particulars desired.
The fish nets to be set on Sunday mornings not
before 3 o'clock & to be taken up before 10th Saturday night.
I remain that you will please to
grant the License and send it to me for delivery
at your convenience. -
Respectfully submitted. -
I have the Honor to be. -
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
[illegible] -
Fishing Engineer.

S. B. Beach Esq
Inspector of Fisheries, -
Ottawa. -



Hamilton, Ohio
9 July 1864

Sir. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a Pass
for myself & Daughter Sarah
to go to Fort Wayne via Toledo & Detroit
Should you grant this request, I will be
ready to start this morning. Should you
not be willing to grant this request, I will
start this morning without a Pass.

Please write me at Hamilton, Ohio, Box 1.

Respectfully Yours.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Abel Hunt
Late Capt 94th Regt
Ohio Vol Infty

Lt. Col. Commanding
Post of Toledo
Ohio

Hamilton Co.
1 July 1884...

Sir.—

I have the honor to apply to you for a lease from Jas Alexander Esq. of Burlington Beach!— of a part of his old fish house fishing ground in No: 8, in Lake Ontario; during the ensuing year of 1884... 500 yards long!— also the privilege of fishing 1600 yards of 2½" inch meshes; Herring Gill nets,—in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Saltfleet. One to extend from the beach outwards for a distance of 5 miles.— the Gill nets to be set on the line leading from and within 2 miles of same!— and the 15th September next.— — please insert the particulars above!—

I understand that you will be please to send this lease at the rate of $5.00 per annum per. White fish seining. due per this season, as a per fish ground. Only with the line leading from Hamilton! as a guide thereto with the privilege of the net per steam fishing boat!

Respectfully Submitted!—

I have the Honor &c.—

Sir—

Your most

Obedt Servt

J. P. Bousfield Esq
Sec. of Hamilton.—
Ontario!—

Hamilton Ont.
9 July 1884.

Sir

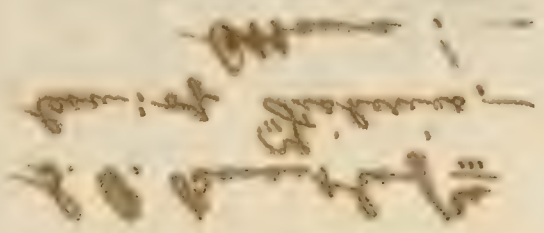
I have the honor to apply for permission for John Tuffs of Burlington Beach! —
to fish with legal white fish nets 450 yards
long, on fishing Station No 3 — Lake Ontario
off Burlington Beach; during this current year!
Also for to fish 600 yards of Herring gill nets,
2½" inch meshes, extension measure in Lake Ontario in
front of the township of Saltfleet extending from the
beach outwards 5 miles. — No gill nets to be set on
the Trout hauling grounds nor within 2 miles of the
same; until the 15th September next. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to
grant the license for Trout and gill nets for $5.00%
And send me the same at your
convenience for delivery. —

Respectfully Submitted.

I Have the honor to be. —
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Inspector

J. O. Chapleau
Esq: Sec: of State,
Ottawa!



Miles. Co.
Kan
1 June 1884.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Contract
Stage for Police Purposes & Mail Route! —
Time to start 8 AM. pass of Legal White girl pris not: of
"Finish marks! and 2½" inch marks Running gear
"Extension measure! — in Lk Cities — part of
"township of Legal, — to extend from the Southwest
"corner 5 miles during the current season! the time
"you is to be of 5 AM."—

I, Will Open the 15th of September next, during
which my Stage will run No: 10, — in Lake Cities —
Arlington Route! — Will do! — for which I am
paid Com, on with 3 — mile drop. — Yes Sir!!

I presume that you will be pleased to give
this Route; and look to me & your very humble
servant for delivery.

Respectfully &c &c.

I have the Honor to be, —
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant —
[illegible]
Stage Driver

S. P. Arnold Esq
Sec: of Police, —
Ottawa! —

Hamilton Ont.
9 Jan 1884

I have the honor to apply to you for a
Fishing Lease for [illegible] of Burlington Beach
to fish 1,600 yards of Staking Gill nets in Lake
Ontario in front of the township of Saltfleet, two or
four off; on the north side of fishing station No.
1 in Lake Ontario on Burlington Beach, during the sea-
son next year of 1884." And to extend from the beach
outwards, for a distance of 5 miles.

No Gill net of any Kind shall be fished on Lot
Seven! Upon the 15th of September! nor within 2 miles
of any Line hauling ground upon that date!. —

I recommend that you will grant a license,
at the Rate of $5.00 pr. for this year. —

And send me the same for delivery at your
own convenience. — —

Respectfully Submitted. —
I have the honor to be! —
Sir. —
Your Obedt Servt. —
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

[illegible]



[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ontario,
July 10th 1884.

My dear Sir!

I am glad to hear from you, and
am glad to hear you have sold the
Lot at Lakeview for $5.00 per foot, and
trust for your sake, that you may
have done so also with your Lots
for the Park in Lake Erie; in front of
the township of Gosfield. — —

I have to say in reply to your letter:
I do not remember the application
for your Lots: nor do I remember it:
I will however to you the same. —
Kindly refer to my Mr. Smith, and
ascertain. Mr Collins must have that
money! Perhaps he has sold the Park
lots & part of the 15 — at 165
the front: — Lake Erie!

Yours, K. K.

Jas. Kerr Esq.

Re Park Lots
Lake Erie
Gosfield

Dear Sir!

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of the Deed
of the Lots! If you remember what you
suppose! — Valley — Jr. Corp. — Lake
Shore; in any case I have the copy of
agreement. — Mr. Smith, and Mr. Collins
have the duplicate: your Park lots are down in
front: I will write my self to the
Town of Gosfield: also — you my to
Jr. Corp. Lake Shore. Explain it.
I see you — remember I received the copy:
I have only seen you the once I got it:
I think it was then! — after office hrs.
on your way to — with the —.

Will write within a few — I am thinking
the Railway will — for Collins —
the whole I am — think of giving the whole
of your lots! — I am — you going Kirby
— [illegible] — [illegible] — I am sorry
[illegible]

Yours truly,

Hamilton, Ont.
14th July 1884.-

Sir.-

I Have the honor to apply to you for the following fishing licences; and I most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant same to the undernamed Fishermen during this current year of 1884:-

1. John Wadsworth, Queenston. "For a licence to fish a Machine in the Niagara River, on Station No: 17.- situated at Queenston Heights, near the Village of Queenston."-

The amount is to be, --- $8.00 -.-

2. John Wadsworth, Queenston. "For a licence to fish a Machine in the Niagara River, on fishing station No. 3.- situated at Queenston Heights, near the Village of Queenston."

The amount is to be. - - $5.00 -

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clauses in each licence; and send to me for delivery.- at your own convenience.-

Respectfully Submitted.-

I Have the Honor to be, -

Sir, -

Your Obedient Servant. -

John W. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Rousseau
Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa. - E

Hamilton. Ont.
14th July 1884...

Sir.-

I Have the honor to apply to you for a licence for Peter Nath. of Port Dalhousie. To to fish a Seine 250 yards long in Lake Ontario, say west of the west pier of the Welland Canal, situated with the village of Port Dalhousie; and extending from the said pier up the Lake for a distance of 500. yards.-

Also a Boat licence, for to fish 1,500. yards of Cisco, and Herring Gill Nets.- 2½" inch mesh, extension measure, and White fish gill nets of the legal size of 5 inch mesh, extension measure; in Lake Ontario, in front of the township of Grantham; and to extend from the beach outwards, for a distance of four miles; amount.- $5.00.

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clauses..

His applicant last season; was near the Dam of death; last year....

Will you be please to send me licence at your own convenience; which I respectfully recommend for your consideration.—

Respectfully Submitted;-

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,-

Your Obedient Servant.—

John Wilkes—

Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Burstall Esq
Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Hamilton Sept
the 14th 1864. —

Respected Sir, —

I am reluctantly compelled to complain to you, against Thomas Reid, of the Town of Niagara: he supplies me with very inferior Flour, & large quantities of Flour, from the Town, inferior to that, he has for sale at the Store of — of Superfine! — without any authority whatever for — !! — I am thirty miles from Niagara, & upon hearing your Name, was induced to call on him this, — time — & did not expect — your Name to be — Yours Respectfully, —

John Wilkie —
Pilot Corner.

To Philip Lee Esq
Niagara —

Respected Sir, —

I must plead 200 —
Barrel pork, — for this Spring. —
Will you be pleased to let me
know what I can get this quantity
for, in your neighbourhood and I
will send for, and from them have Lee
myself. —

I hope you and family are
in the enjoyment of good health, —
And with warm regards, —
Yours Sincerely, —
John Wilkie —
Pilot Corner.
Hamilton, Canada
14th July 1864.

To Philip Lee Esq
Pilot Corner, —
Niagara. —
Immediate. —

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My dear Uncle Bob! —

I have been expecting by the Delaware expected, — to see the dear dear Pleasure that I evoke. — do you like it or the packet today. I write to tell you I will at your place, only on Wednesday morning I am to be able to get you to catch some fish for me! —

Give Kind regards —

From Yours Affectionately —

H. Wilson —

Alexander Robertson Esq. J.P. —

Billy Station No: 2. — Hamilton Creek

Rangitoto Road. 15 July 1874

Memorandum! for S. P. Rumsey Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!..

I examined Lake Ontario Beach, on the 14th instant, from the Burlington Canal, to the Fishing Basin! distance 3 miles,— not a single Alewive to be seen "Dead,"— floating on the waters of Lake Ontario...

Since the weather has become a little cool, the alewives, have ceased to die! And the dead ones have been all floated away,— besides thousands of them have been buried!..

I have arranged, for to haul for some, for you on Wednesday morning; when I will send you samples, by express, in Alcohol....

I believe it is as much the heat or warmth of the water, in Lake Ontario; that Kills them; for they off,— only in summer; just as soon, as the Lake water gets warm...

I have never myself, observed any of these fish, dead, nor floating in the waters of Burlington Bay,— although they are there in Millions!. They come into the Bay,— and they go out from there: through the Burlington Canal,—

In a conversation, I recently had with The Hon. J. B. Plumb,— Niagara!— he informed me; that Mr. Seth Green, places these Alewives, "dead,"— in Lake Ontario; in the first place: if so; I may as well candidely tell you: that he has made an unpardonable mistake! he has been guilty of such a blunder, and foolish act in this case; as to counteract, and damage all his good and meritorious Acts, "and he deserves a great deal,"— in fish Breeding!. why! place such inferior fish in Lake Ontario! they devour the white fish and herring spawn!— and like their appearance indicate, that they belong to the stunted family of

S. P. Rumsey Esqre
Com: of Fisheries,— 2
Ottawa.— 1.

Round Lake Trout!— There is so many of them! they are never in good condition!!.—

Before they became so numerous as they are at present they were in better condition; and being a novelty, they readily sold at $1.00 p. per 100,— than the price came to 50 p. per 100,—. But at present there is no demand for them.— They are used only to bait Set lines.— They are procured by Packard, in Lake Ontario near Niagara, and Port Dalhousie and in the Niagara River, below the Falls.—

I have made several reports,— to you about the fish from time to time, since I first discovered them, in June 1872. on Toronto Island.—

I could not be surprised if it was yet discovered that they have devoured all the Whitefish fry,— Whitefish fry— & Salmon Trout,— planted from the Statelonies, in Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay.— They use to — fly. being frequently caught at Niagara by anglers, when fishing in the River there for White Bass,—

They may be yet converted into Sardines!— However! I will tell you about the quicker and sooner they are got out of the waters of Lake Ontario, so much the better for our choice fish therein.—

Respectfully Submitted.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant,—
John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.
15. July 1884.—

Private!

Hamilton.- Ont.
17.- July 1884.-

Dear Sir!

Kilkenny- is at present at Ottawa!-
I had a Note- from Mr. Barnett- on
last evening to this effect.-
I shall do every thing in my power
for you; and no mistake about it.
From what Foster- here! told
me & Mollie- must thought her-
planning last for Buffalo!- Was my
suspicions for to see! like Foster so! he
is to be back here again to day.- on
his way here to Kilkenny.-
Be vexed and sore!-
Yours Sincerely.-
J. W. Lewis
Liberal Candidate.

Dear Sir!

Yours with enclosure.
was duly received!-
I send you copy of the Fisheries act.-
and I will prepare a report and send
your letter & the copy to the Department. Ottawa!
and recommend it for consideration.-
I am sure that the statement set
forth by you regarding Bell Island.
is all correct! for I am in possession
of the facts for some time! and also of
your statement before writing them.-
I see Riley- has come out on you
on Commons, and that the Minister
there is Water- Bradley- Esq. M.P.
at present...

Again for Sir. Canon of Gibbs
Last St. Mark! recently appointed Dr.

D. W. Bell Esq. M.P.
Commons.-
Ottawa.-

Hamilton. Ont.
19th July 1884...

Sir.

I have the honor to attend for your perusal, one opinion! letter No: 1.- which I received from the D. of Ont.- Fish dealers & Colingwood. Canada, Kincardine - and Dublin! when we will have to along with the Bond Fishery; we know this year at Black Island! for to fish this fish, we Lake Huron fish nets in Georgian Bay.-

License fees $35.00 f. was handed to me by the Post, and was sent by me to you on 3rd of June last- please see letter of 19th of June last, for fishermen's names...-

During my visit in Owen Sound! I found the Bond Fishery, a portion of the Lake Ontario division of Georgian Bay Fishery! in possession, and occupied the by the Hon: Allan. of Owen Sound! as Lessee for 1884

I was on Board the Atlantic; a Steel Steamer, on Sunday the 14th October 1883.- when she went in to the Harbour at Black Island, and obtained a large number of Trophies, for selling and packing fish in.

The Allans men, Boss fish, the in charge, was there and with whom I remained.-

I also find from return of Leases you furnished me with; last year, issued by Governor Patton "Hon: Allan, is marked thereon, as having paid $800 f. for the year 1882.---

Since my visit to Black Island, the Hon: Allan, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, the assignee it appears, sold also his big. boats, the Bonds belonging to the D. of Ont.- to the Lessee No: 2,- as herewith.---

L. O. Renaud Esq
Com: of Fisheries,
Ottawa.- &c.-

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For the benefit of his Wife Helena Beaton, and this is the last we heard of the W.W. Co. has got into possession of the ship, & sent, to Home. Home giving notice. of Each Seal Indian station in Georgian Bay. —

By reference to my annual returns made by me for year 1882 - for year then of Ekt Island Indians; Chief Ocean and his wife - it appears sold $13.320, worth of fish; and the Indians $4.400, worth; and during the several years, that Ekt Island has been occupied as a fishing station: and for 20 years; and upwards! this present time is the first instance. that an agent or any person in behalf of the Ind. have made a claim of the ownership of Ekt Island: - please give Notice 82:3 - across on the D. W. Ekt - Ewanick. - -

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Ekt Island Indians is an established Indian for several years; and more than fifty Indians, and Indian Women, and Children live; exclusively on fish; So Two, Tons shipped from there to Market up to the present time this year. - The ship from which these 50. Tons of fish, have been shipped to Market, is at present the D. W. Ekt - private property, Ekt. as then in the first instance by Louis Ekt. - Tons, under the proper control of the Navigation and Fishery laws of Ontario and Dominion of Canada. - -

I got there for, and got stuck, when my answers were refused: - then: -

They must respectfully to refer you to the Fisheries pamphlet, Notice - published by order of the Minister, Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, 15th of January 1884, of Georgian Bay, for any Fishing Limits

Same to Little Current — 4th page 5. please read:-
thus:-

"Clark Islands Harbour is now shown just on the entering. Keep nearest the south point, and bring up, "off the houses in the south corner"—

Mr Cox is not the only person occupying Clark Is. as present:- I am sorry I can't agree to Indians and the Agents:-

Now I may tell you that Mr Shier is not in the D. of C. employment — he has a trader House on Clark Island and he is carrying on his business with the Indians entirely free of the D. of C. —

"He can be usually visited as that fisherman may "and can occupy the 27.000 Islands in Georgian Bay for "Fishing purposes!"—

The Fishery laws and Acts and Regulations laws, are strict; & very powerful; and good and substantial for the protection of the D. of C. and his officials as property — within 66' Govt. Fishing Reserve, — for the waters alone; in "Clark Islands Harbour". —

The statement, that Mr Cox visits them! — It is an advantage to the Indians, when one village are miles away from "Clark Island"— for to have the D. of C. and the agent Scott Donald Macdonald — there! with a shop and Harbour: "a Harbour of refuge!" And where Indians can obtain cash value for their fish. — Than, that "Clark Island" stands by a presented plan, just as to the time of grasping power; "in the prospect" — a plan by the removal of the D. of C. and his entirely Govt. for inspecting law whisky. — the rate we must pay for his fish. — I speak from good authority, when we by Lic Lick. when selling up last year returns for you. —

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I hope you will be pleased to see that no unfair advantage shall be taken of the respectable persons, Port and Macdonald; who are now occupying. I might justly call it the "Fishery Reserve" on Club Island, to be driven therefrom "without paying Compensation" to D. W. Port, for his Outlay in improvements; — please read section 2. of the "Fisheries Act." —

Lastly under pretexts and pretences of malicious, seductive people, whom I could name for an earthly reason. but to charge one upon a mere point of the fisheries department, and our valuable fisheries of Jersey Cape. — —

Sirius we permit to fish in incoming waters of Lyon Island, and round the Islands — with one stay with our Collingwood Pilotage, &c, &c. White fishermen! — . —

I am posted about the fishing affairs of Killarney — up to the earliest, notices in official shape, most recently by Charles Noble against the respectable Light Keeper at Killarney. — —

Wolf! Capt Joseph Sibbald, Queen — at Lake St Maria, — told me as his Light Keepers, have permission for to fish for our total fish for themselves — de Lauvandier, — assisted by evidence — in laying bare and naked J. and C. Nobles, — Monopoly! — — — Over which they stick glaut! wantonly!!. —

I have a letter from a friend, dated 18th July, which says: Copy! —

"Instance for Killarney, — N. — monopoly! The "Nobles boy?" They are going to bring out their Gunboat "as the Government will not return them the 4 boats, — they "have given for it." — "This is the way they mutiny — !. 4 boats, 4 — is nothing to them!!!" —

Mr. D. W. Port, as you are aware; has always been an admirer of yours: he is now quite alive to the importance of carrying out your views at Kitimaat and Skeena; he is a true and sincere friend of the Government now, and for all time to come!... I hope you will be pleased to remember him now in his difficulties. ...

J. and C. Noble, intended to place their Buoys, on the 12th inst; but - for some reason or other; have not yet placed the buoys. -

Mr. D. W. Port, is a most agreeable man, amongst Indians! - sooner than that he should be disturbed; or have any trouble with the noble red man! he is willing for to pay the Agent, a small rent, for the small portion of Club Island, his licensed Boat fishery now occupy! - if there should happen to be any beyond the usual reserve of one chain. -

By the Navigation Law! Mr. D. W. Port, is authorized; I should suppose to build a dock, and wharf, and maintain and keep same in good condition for Navigable purposes in "Club Island Harbour". -

The Boat fishermen's Boats, when not fishing or setting, are at anchor in the Harbour or stream out, up, on the beach; which; except at the entrance, is surrounded by Club Island. -

Donald Macdonald's, trade Boy, when not in use; is occasionally at Anchor lying at the dock; in Club Island Harbour. -

Capt. Joseph Wilson, as I understand; at present, at Ottawa: he is now, I believe Officer in Command for Club Island. - - and I may have told you; that I have been informed; and have reason to know, that it was J. and C. Noble; who have now stirred up this Club Island matter. -

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47.506. Copy.— No. 3.

Indian Office Manitowaning.—
July 10th 1884.—

Sir D. W. Bart.—
Club Island.— Sir.—

On the 5th June, by instruction from the department of Indian Affairs— I visited Club Island, which is I am informed occupied by you, and by your Agents as a Fishing Station.— And as such occupation is without authority from the department of Indian Affairs— I have in conformity with instructions received to notify you to quit and remove from Club Island, and to cease using and occupying the same within three months from this date.—

At the time of my visit to the Island, I noticed that two men were engaged in hauling basswood from the East to the West from the use of two Steam Tugs.— I notified the men and also Mr. McDonald, that they must cease using the basswood on the Island and must not cut, or cause to be cut any more— From enquiry made I ascertained that about thirty cords had been used, which I have reported to the department, and now beg to notify you to cease using the wood on the Island in question.—

Be so good as to acknowledge receipt of this letter.—

I am Sir.—
Your Obedt Servt.—
Jas. L. Skipp.—
Visiting Supt.

Copy.— No. 2.

Toronto.—
July 15th 1864.—

The Superintendent of
Indian Affairs,—
Ottawa!— Gentlemen!

I received a letter from Chief Peppo dated 10th ult. requesting that Indians of which he was one chief, were employed by me, and was working for them. He says, that we must quit, and leave for the Island within three months from date.— Now I did not think we were misconducting ourselves, would not wish to cause any which would be displeasing to anyone..

He also refers to Cockwood having left us on the Island, so I write you in explanation.—

That Island,— has been used as a stopping place, for Indians and others, for at least 30 years.—

Some 10 years ago, Mr Lewis Smith a Yankee from Canada built a small shop on the Island.. He employed one Mr Allen, and my brother, then a Boy Lewis, who worked the shop for Lewis to sell them for their fish and fish oil to Indians.— —

Lewis sold to Allen, and he, Lewis, left, and Allen sold to me for $1.000,— I sold fishing gear, boats, &c. &c. to Allen, who I was to get about $1.000, in repairing the shop so that the

[illegible] made out in one hole the fish. —

Mr. when I bought the ship one thing I was with the exception that I would be possible to use them in the fisheries but was before me, was nothing to do with Foreign Trade —

Such it would be, I think unfair to force on the Owner the labour or breach thereof, as we only use it for fishing purposes. —

We have to pay £ 1 per ton to the Government for such fishing. —

Part of Repairs by you, I am willing to pay a reasonable sum for the whole portion of the labour bill as supply as Lerwick fishers. — As for the Diesel should be for sale, I would make an offer for it. —

I would have had nothing to do with it, if I supposed that your Department would object. —

The Owners were buying their fish to the Delays and find a ready market. —

But we are at any time in my employment has destroyed or cut any standing timber, we could avoid, or in any way injure the property. —

Go to the Lerwick Boy: Allan and Jane, — Each fish, left the pier in the Island — for to get the Lerwick, and they cut some 30, to 35, — tons of wood, mostly fallen, and burnt there. — No live, ungrowing timber, since my — Father's time has been in the Island, have been chopped down — or standing timber of any Kind. — They have cut up, some fallen Tree, that had been burned! — And were in most case guilty action!! — The Law is small Boy — that we pursue, but the things most of the most part Ellesmere or Killarney. —

Here is one of the men, that came by
Mine me, this in the Mine; but it is my duty
also to inform . . . .

But as soon as I have that you Office to
me sing it . . I don't wish, for my own to get
all this over Mention . . .

Now / I have given you a fair Warning
Sir that you will give it a fair consideration, —
Sir as I have fair set of 1100, — in Securities
Herewith / that you will be entitling to me
and wharf and buildings, charging me if you
will; a Reasonable rent, — And you will oblige
Yours as Your Obedient Servant, —

D. W. Cort. —

Cove printed
fishing Licence! 3

Peter Nash Esq[re]
Fisherman. —

Port Dalhousie

Mailed on
28 July 1834;
[illegible]

No. 1. --

Copy-

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sir,

[illegible]

[illegible] - We [illegible] of Indian affairs. Since that we are in possession of this country we have no right to occupy it as a fishing station. --

Before replying to their notice, I take the liberty of asking you for information on some points connected with the petitioners & their statements. We have never as a fishing station to my knowledge, nor do we now. - To matter of fact we have Louis Smith, of Canso here, built a small wharf and store house there. -- This year we, Mr. Allen & I have leased one of the Carleton (Miramichi) boyles at his fishing ground at Isle Haut. We have also a fishing station at Canso, - to which we intend to go, when we can get a crew. - We have also a fishing station at Gaspereaux. I received a letter from Jones Higgs, - his agent at Gaspereaux - saying that he had been instructed by the department of Indian affairs, - to notify us to quit, - but we received from the Indians there a letter saying to us that we were not to leave there. -

You can see the petition as we [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
21st July 1884.—

Sir:—

I Have the honor to report, and submit for your information! that I procured Specimens of [illegible] and samples of gill nets!— for Mr. Samuel Wilmot Superintendant of the Hatcheries of Canada!!—

For to take to the London, England; Exhibition!!. I travelled several miles in procuring the same: paid, for them! and I paid express charges thereon; by Mr. Wilmots directions!— Addressed them to him at Newcastle, Ontario.———

This all happened between the 8th of August 1882,— and the 10th day of March 1883,—

The amount of all my expenses and charges is only a sum of Thirty dollars.—

The Fisheries department— whom I consulted about this matter; at the time! instructed me to aid, and assist Mr. Wilmot— and send in my bill to the department,— when the Exhibition was over; and I should be paid.—

I expected a letter from Mr. Wilmot— since his return home:— "On this subject,"— but except his Book of testimonials and speeches; a copy of which he sent me: I have received nothing!.—

As directed by the department— I Kept this account seperate! from my other incidentals.—

I hope you will be pleased to lay this small bill of mine before John Tilton, Esqre Deputy Minister of Fisheries.— And please recommend that I be paid!— Respectfully Submitted.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

L. O. Renaut Esqre
Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Private!

Memorandum!

Jos. S. A. Nicholson Esquire Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa!...

I sent you last week, the returns of Allowances; in Alcohol; as you directed per Express!- as I reported officially,- there is none dead, nor dying just at present in my division of Lake Ontario....

I wrote you a long letter, on yesterday, about "Black Island Harbour",- and D. W. Post - W. A. Clark,- are working in partnership on purchasing and selling fish, this year 1894,- Clark, has - interest whatever, in "Black Island Harbour"- It all belongs to D. W. Post,- Clark, manages at Killarney Post, with James McNamee, at Black Island, they are now on hand and intend fishing [illegible] Kind words - on Knight's acct. in fishing the past two months, [illegible]

Knight - to the people,- both in Allendale, Killarney,- Fox Island,- Collingwood, Meaford, Owen Sound,- Toronto, - I have made friends!- Some of the best engaged fishermen, left Georgian Bay,- and are gone to Lake Superior,- selling! And in putting up packages of Sea fish!- I get a letter weekly; from Clark,- every week! I sent the little book of Mathews and Rose - in Georgian Bay,- today - to Clay: Clark, and D. Cameron, Kilkenny,- and! and to Dr McDonald, [illegible] Island - to Glenford: and to the D. W. Post, Toronto, - I may take you three years of yours, and mine in the department, as a guide: with all the places named! - I may work, more in Georgian Bay, [illegible] you are in your office.- I expect me to be away; back to the

his Boy - through the Rapids — the mouth of the Grand River on 11th May last, - amongst rocks, and such rocks, —

When you get rid of the peaceful, peace, tranquility and happiness with you forever! — pray it soon happen! —

J & C. Holler, and J. & W. Kenny — are ordering 15 tons of Rideau water, — and are selling them for 3/. per pound, delivered in Queen Square at Kenny, — by day! —

I have not heard yet! but I will, if J & C. Holler - buy off the Lower limits, —

I have never had a single word or letter from the Ph. Wilmot, - since he returned home from the Exhibition "to make of his self" in - London, England! —

I now send you — my Claim for £ it ought to be £ 10, — I suppose he'll pay it. - Every one else supplies him with Specimens - are dissatisfied for a [illegible] his return home; he has spared trifles

any notice whatever of them, not even so much as to send them the English Version of himself. -

I wish you the joy of the thing to make Light to me being paid: and then you would see how I would Letter him down! —

Save your Thanks Elliot of the Town of Niagara - Gentleman, — Out of his mind, and imbecile for the last 2 years, - supplies him with specimens of fish to the extent of £10. was instructed by his son Charles - to send in his Bill and it would be paid, but never a £, since!

"Pleas inhumanity to Man!"

"Man — to Man so many woes owes"

as

my application to Ph. Wilmot —

All over! Yours respectfully, —

Hamilton, Canada West, 21st July 1834. [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
20. July 1894.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: for the sum of Ten dollars....

Will you be please to apply this amount for this account you as follows:- viz.

1. Semi Weekly, Spectator Newspaper:- For Seven months insertions $ 5.00

2. Miss Margaret Ross, Spectator Office: For a Semi Weekly Census, insertions one calendar $ 5.00

Respectfully Submitted!-

I have the honor to be.-

Sir,-

Your Obedient Servant.-

Hilary Bascom.-

To The Hon. The Deputy Minister of Fisheries.- Ottawa!-

Ottawa, 24th July 1894.

Hilary Bascom, Esq.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., with enclosure, and to inform you that the Department will pay the amount of your account, as rendered, viz., $10.00.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]
Secretary.

Ottawa, 24th July 1894.

Hamilton. Ont.
23. July 1874.

Sir I have the honor to apply to you for a Post Office for the Village of Burlington Beach. The Post Office to be called Port Nelson and to be in the Township of Nelson.

The Office will be in Lot No. 13, 14 and 15 Lake Shore Burlington Beach being the nearest point.

The amount is to be Ten dollars.

The Mail will be by Land from Lake Loring to Burlington Beach being the nearest point until the 15th of September.

This Office is to extend from Burlington Beach eastwards for a distance of four miles.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this Office at your convenience and oblige

Your very obedient Servant.

Hon. Sir Hector L. Langevin
Deputy Minister of
Public Works.

Hamilton Ont.
28. July 1864..

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat License for Lower Bay of Burlington Beach; - The to fish 600 yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the Township of Saltfleet on Lot No: 15. on Burlington Beach and to extend from the beach outwards, for a distance of 5 miles. Amount to be .. $5.00/.

No gill nets to be fished on station 15. - on the 15th of September next. -

I remain that you will be please to send the license, and send to me for obtaining at your convenience. - -

Respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir -
Your Obedient Servant, -
[illegible]
Fishery Overseer

for Dist. No. 2
Province of Ontario -
Hamilton C.W. -

Hamilton Ont.
28. July 1844. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to apply to you for a Retail License for Catarik Town — of Wawanosh for _____ to sell Spirituous Liquors, and Wines for the ensuing year — on Lake Catarik on part of the township of Wawanosh — County of Huron — and to extend from the first instant, for a distance of six miles within the limits of the said township. — Amount is to be my £5.00/

I understand that you will be pleased to grant this License for this instant you are aware it is for the benefit of your constituents. —

I have the honor &c.

Sir. —

Your most humble
Servant —
Liberty Cousins

The Hon. Secretary
Provincial Secretary —
Toronto —

Christ!

[illegible] Dr J O Brookfield
Secretary of Legation
Athens

We had a letter of yours & enclosed
signed J.K. Allen Deputy Minister of Finance.
I have written on Note of the opposite
sort! - Leave this out in applying for
leave & enclose application & Dr! -
Do it right! - that I authorize & send
to you in Envelope! -

Our May flower Group - Some of the best
Group pictures. Travels Home, as ever! -
The usual felicitous of the Hours. -
Will be in next week for your - Except
Easy Chair! - The pictures - Travels Home;
are not altogether what my Imagination
pictured them! - They pass the will -
expected pictures. Pictures of Travels!

Ethel Barrett has commenced here in
earnest this week as student asst! - for,
to practice! - -

Out in Lake Ontario, the Steamers are fleet-
ing about some 15 miles! -

And at present time they seem to myste
- Lake Ontario - A Beach; alive! in oxygen
tents; of looking for them!! - -

Provisions who ever the things write, must
have sent them for some good, special purpose
of his own! - Which - speaks Dear of them! -
Well Jim, we not mind the publicity of
them! The important thing is the
food; and Ernest them in the white bait, and
in the sardines! - The Big pictures for ever pleases!

"There was no ——— of ———! that
pictures requires some of it!" -

May Jim will be here at present, -
Adieu — — — — ! — with respectfully, —
Jim Christ Brookfield —

Hamilton Ont. Ontario
22 July 1884. Dr & Mrs

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Hamilton. Ont.o
25th July 1884....

To;
Patrick Hand.
Dear Sir! Simcoe!! Greeting!!!.

per W....

A person who signs letter,
W. K. Secord, Simcoe! July 25/84. and
who is not on my list of licensed fishermen
writes me thus! —

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Dear Sir, —

John Hands I dont think it fair
at Grimsby, sets two nets, and
I want a chance to make a living when
I put out my net, he puts one each
side of me and when he complained
of me fishing two gangs of net down
there, I stopped it. — Now I want him
to stop. I wish you would please
attend to it, and oblige me. —

Yours truly, —
Sd — W. K. Secord! —

Simcoe,
July 25/84.

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Memorandum! —

Now it appears! that Patrick Hand, and
John Hand! are brothers: they have an es-
tensive Boat license, - each! for to fish in
Lake Ontario in front of the townships
of Grimsby, and Saltfleet, - 4,000 yards
of W. fish. Trout and Herring gill nets.
each! and they can fish any where in Lake
Ontario in front of said townships; for
a distance of 5 miles from the beach;
outwards! - plenty of room without
crowding; but I dont know anything
of W. K. Secord, as a fishermen: unless
perhaps! he has bought out some one!
if any such person is fishing! why Caddy!
expected you would tell me! —

I will come down myself on next mon-
day morning! and make enquiries, and get some
fish from you Caddy! — all's well! —

For Caddy - you should never let passion;
rule! —

Your hands were not made to hurt
your brother's eyes! Yours &c J. W. Kerr —
K. S

Private!
4 P.

Hamilton. Canada.
29. July 1859.—

My dear Wife.—

I arrived safely at this place yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, & immediately on my arrival, I sent the enclosed letter to Mr. Hughes, informing him that I had arrived, & requesting him to call upon me. I did not receive any answer to my letter, & I therefore concluded that he was not at home. I accordingly called upon him this morning at 9 o'clock, & found him at home. He received me very politely, & we had a long conversation on the subject of my visit to this place. He informed me that he had received my letter, but that he had not had time to answer it. He also informed me that he had received a letter from Mr. Brown, in which Mr. Brown requested him to show me every attention during my stay in this place. Mr. Hughes then introduced me to several of the principal merchants of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal ministers of the different churches in this place, & I have received invitations to preach in several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal lawyers of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal doctors of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal editors of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal bankers of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal merchants of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal ministers of the different churches in this place, & I have received invitations to preach in several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal lawyers of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal doctors of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal editors of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here. I have also been introduced to several of the principal bankers of the place, & I have received invitations to dine with several of them during my stay here.

Yours &c.

Jas. Watkins Jr.

30. July 1859. — Jas. Watkins Jr.

My dear Mrs. Watkins.!! —
please answer

1. My report & Journal of proceedings &c.
2. Copy of Jas. Hughes' answer to mine. 1 page! —
3. Your letter to The Secretary &c. 1 page! &c.
4. Your letter to me, 2 pages, &c.

Encl. 4 &c.

Yours &c.

Jas. Watkins Jr.

D. W. C. Esq.
Dear Sir —

Copy.—

Toronto.

Dear Mrs Kerr.— 28. July 1886.—

As I have — you wished to know.
I thought I to give you some fish news.—
Well! I am sorry to have that
round the mountains water again; and are on
the one pack... They have nothing further and
say they will fish up all into June fishing
season . . .

Now I would like to have you, and the de-
puty Minister take a trip up to settle this matter,
and visit our fine Southside, and Solomon, the
you Lake abounding Trout, and lots of wild meat...
Also James Clark, would Ray — and Solomon,
Mr Cameron, and myself, was taken quite sick,
when the Lower garden came up again, for
James Noble. told me they gave it up...

Fishing has been good for some time, but is
getting light now.. The season is getting short — think it
will last longer than 15th of August.—

If you and Mr Bennet should come up,
I would like to take you around with the
Queen Clark, for just what he running expenses
are.— Thanks, for the little book.—

Hoping this will find you and family well,
I remain faithfully Yours.—
Signed:— W. A. Clark.—

P.S.

Thanks very much if you the Arbor frames.
and staying the Pikes — also Clarks note in last
day.... W. A. C.—

Memorandum! for S. P. Rounds Esq.
Secretary of Dakota.—
Office!—

My Friend,—

I attach copy of letter. I received this day from the U. S. Surveyor Genl.— Dick dealer. at Kearney.— Nebraska.— Yankton. D. T.—

It appears to have been written at Yankton 29th inst. —.

It tells you the present fishing opinion of Judge of Yankton Co.— one in Sioux Co.— Lake Andes!—

Should you visit the Ducks.— Cockburn Island Sioux Co.— Dakota Terry.— I am sure Judge will— one that Indian guide.— I would respectfully recommend you to accept the Genl. Surveyor's proposition. for taking you around his Co.— to this Island.—

I have already written you in regard to the Island.— Judge! it is only necessary for me to say further in regard to that you will be more than welcome in the City.—

Respectfully Submitted!—

Yours Truly
Sidney Dillon

Sioux City
29. July 1880.

Memorandum / of Job &c. Hon.. Fisheries Commissioners Account with Sam: Wilmot Esq. Commissioner from Canada /.. at Fish Exhibition.. London.. England /.. Year 1884...

6th August 1882.. From 8. a.m. until 3. p.m... with S. Wilmot. Esq. &c. &c. going and talking about the Big fish show in England:.. Miles 8.. Horse and buggy.. $1.50¢

9. October 1882.. Off to Port Dover,.. with Mr Sam: Wilmot,.. for to see Lake Erie fishermen about specimens for Show... Railway Horse and buggy.. Miles 42,.. $5.00¢

10. October 1882.. At Port Dover, out on Lake Erie,.. to visit Fish Hawk pound nets,.. thence home to Hamilton... Railway Ticket, & 84, Horse buggy.. $2.60¢

2nd November 1882.. Paid Sam, Elliott Esq.re - proceeds of fish, I received from Mr W. Elliott,.. paid express charges, Horse and Buggy.. £3.60¢

do.. 7. November... Paid postages on letters sent S. Wilmot Esq.re.. 18¢.

11. November... Paid Express charges on small salmon - sent do.. 25¢

4. January 1883,.. Paid for 2 large bass,.. for S. Wilmot Esq.re $1.00¢

do.. " Express charges. K. K. .. 55¢

5. March 1883,.. Paid for thread. to make sample gill nets,.. $1.35¢

do.. " Alex: Rolla. Fisherman,.. for Knitting and mending said Gill nets,.. Leads and Corks $2.00¢

do.. " Horse and Cutter,.. Miles 20,.. $2.00¢

10. March 1883.. Paid Express charges on Gill nets to Sam: Wilmot,.. 25¢

do.. Paid Horse and Cutter. 20 miles,.. $2.00¢

Paid Henry Waterbury.. Thomas Jones,.. Archie Bates,.. for Bass sent to Mr Sam: Wilmot,.. $6.00¢

do.. " Express charges thereon.. $1.50¢

Carried forward, $27.75¢

Bought forward. £ 27.75.

Rec. from A. Kn. for fencing a
parking area for my 2 stalls — for
different services, with Hose and Cattle, — 19.00.

Rec. of A. Lewis Singer, for services, . 6.00.

Total. £ 42.75.

20. July 1814. — Received.

Sidney Smith.

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Hamilton, Ont.
31. July 1886.

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Bank
293 draft No 293 for the sum of $150.
this you be please to apply this amount
for Lunar grants for this month you to
A. B. Mackenzie. Esq. Ottawa. Ontario.

I also send you Bank draft No. 295.
for the sum of $95. Ottawa. Ontario. —
this you be please to apply this amount
also for Lunar grants for this month you to
A. B. Mackenzie.

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294. And I also send you Bank draft No: 294
for the sum of $95.
this you be please to apply this amount
for Lunar grants to Augustus Mackenzie.
for this month you to Girl in Rue Rideau,
Respectfully Submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant —
J. L. Wilkes —
Deputy Minister

The Hon. the Sec.
Department of Indian Affairs —
Ottawa. —

Hamilton. Ont.
6. August 1884.-

My dear Sir. -

By directions given me by Mr. Bowell, and per letter just received from the deputy Minister of Fisheries of Canada. - Ottawa! -

I now send to your address, to be forwarded to your father, W. H. Venning Esq. Inspector of Fisheries - New Brunswick - a small box of Sea Monsters. Specimens or Skippers! - They are known by three different names, in Lake Ontario, and Muskoka Bay. - My report about them to the deputy Minister on tomorrow. -

I am, Yours truly -
R. N. Venning Esq.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa.

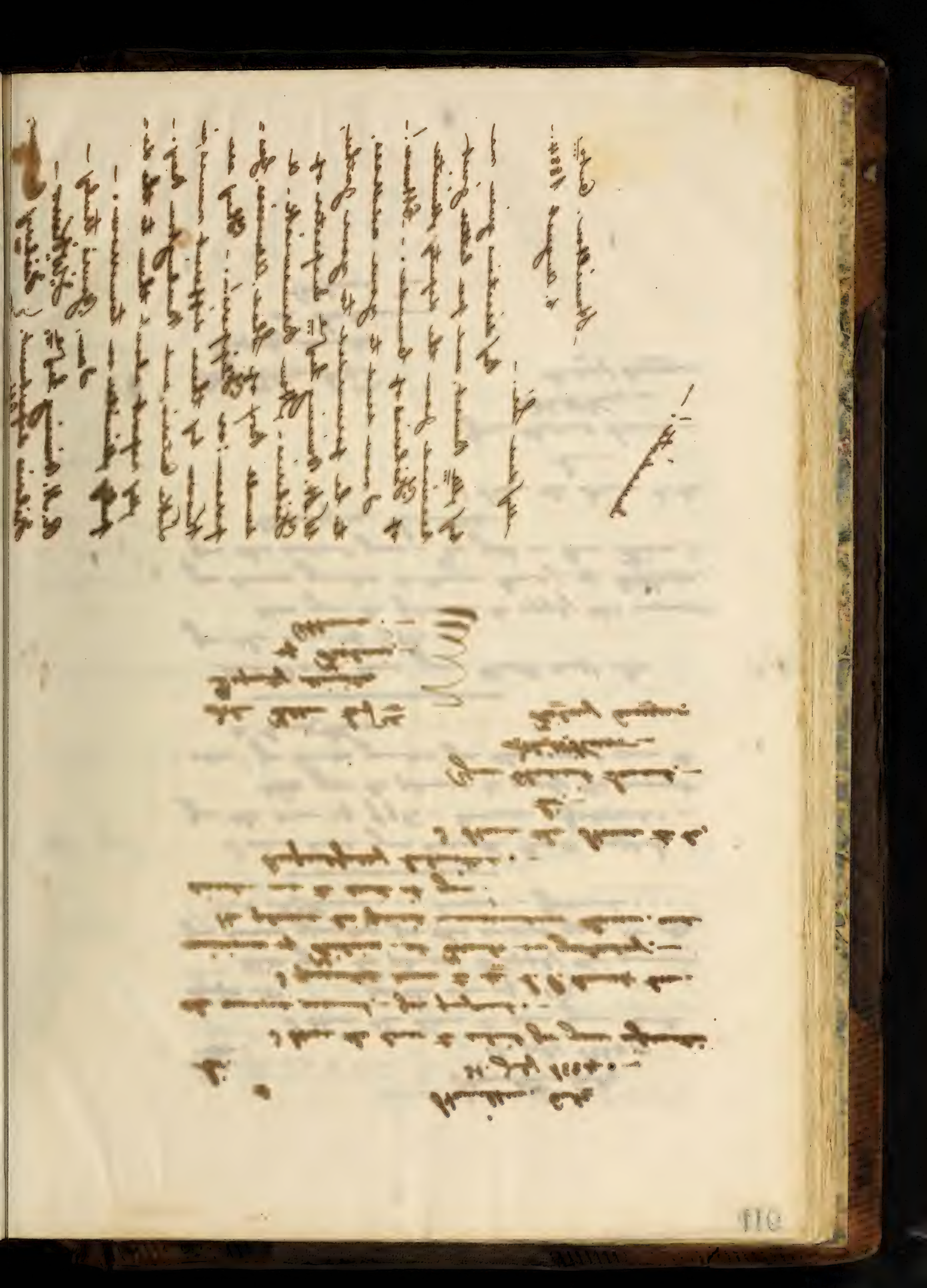
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Fisheries department.
Ottawa.



D. W. Bates Esq.

Dear Sir

Explanatory Remarks

My dear Mr. Bates

After I am gone at the United States Consulate and lie in the mission [illegible] you must to the Railway station where I had breakfast — after that I hire a cab and took him to Yokohama.

He by [illegible] me never to attended to any report in that Island —

He told me to take you, his name was Jon you to buy me that Island from the Native Resident — for what you do me: you will always have a united thanks —

Mr. Bates told me further, was in a similar business position as both Island with the Native, with his Consulate — was I to [illegible]

Cockburn Island, are now to be in my trouble of my Kind. —

Now the what I would advise you to remain you to a night off, in this: for me as Mr. Bates already a p. be: remain a p. — and Mr. Bates a p. and go then to remain you to the Minister of Native Affairs, for the formal of that Island: that done: Mr. Bates will hand the Gift [illegible] to you, and to me person Mr. — If this is your meaning by the name — I would recommend you by a little spot, in as you can put the name if the price I should suppose will not be a great deal. — I may tell you:

After [illegible] & Mr. Bates remained this time: Day without of you —



[illegible] — I suppose they have an
engine and fuck out the dogs! I will tell
you particulars when I see you! —

I look to receive news with it from
Texas! as I look for you! — Be in
a little thinking for the Comet! —

I may take you finally on the O.
but that depends upon Dr. Mc-
Donald: and Abby: Clark. — & Cousin of
Kilkenny! —

My Love to Mrs Clark and Mrs
Dick Rives — from them to wife —
up Little Miss St. Louis & Little
more Little Rives! Love by you
& Martha Lee & Rives & Lucy
St. Pierre — Captain Gibson — wife with
with her & Killarney — and from them
to you & Rives Lucy Virginia &
I send Lee a copy of W. a Dutch Lee
Lee & me: me I remember Lee
to enjoy the music Clark &c —

I spoke much of you to Abby: Clark &
Lee: — He will not be back in Texas
for about 14 days — He will return me,
when he must look on that I may meet
him in Toronto, and have an interi
day to talk over our affairs in the
Rocky Mount: when he will put up
on his return. — You might appoin
Clark, and Comet! — so that by
my make things easy before he re-
turns! — and I recommend that you
return down to meet my Comet &
his son as this book will come [illegible]
I will by book — and may [illegible]
you for your [illegible] I will by
Clark & Comet — & may [illegible]
that is another thing! & I [illegible]
you will by them yourself —

And with Love regards —

I am Yours Sincerely! —

Hamilton Clark — Dr. Lee Clark —

& Virginia Mrs. Abby Clark



Hamilton City
14th August 1871



Hamilton. Canada.
8 August 1884.

Hamilton Ont.
4th August 1884.

Private

My dear Mr. Gzowski

I write to tell you that the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, the Minister of Indian Affairs, is coming to the West on Public business! I give S. J. Dawson, Esq. M.P. for Algoma; at Ottawa. — I do not suppose that I give it to you Dawson. — He is the man who does the things for Indians! — Just forget it!

Good Heavens! — you that the Canada tells me, is — Queens D. Queens, Sault Ste Marie. — It is in the District of Algoma! I dont think it is!! what do you say! — please let me Know!

The Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald will have a day with him, and on Wednesday you go a Boat, and that you may do

Yours Sincerely — J. S. D.

Private

Hamilton Ont.
4th August 1884.

My dear Mr. Gzowski

I want to see him on his return, and have a day with him! — He has been promoted on my Athletic Games Colony of 2,000 — you. — the Hon. Mr. — is Sir John.

I want to return now to Toronto, and do some business for the Queen! I would have you on Lindsay with him — See with my Kind, and warm Regards to you as usual. —

You might take a Boat around Grand Island, and see that the things are right — 4th August 1884 — Yours Sincerely — Hamilton Ont. — J. S. D. —

Hamilton, Ont.
5. August 1884. –

Hamilton. Ont.
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My Dearest – My Jim !! – my own Kate
Darlings. –

Your last came on Thursday
your Thursday after my Tuesday was only re-
ceived by me to day! how glad I
warmly and sincerely thank you! –

Dear mother – such an ache. Kate
is one of Life's happy finds. Kate
ache Kate! – May Kate come with me!
but neither of us can bear – I open
mine the ache: there was a flaw in
the ache!! – The enclosed was not put
in my Xmas paper.

On Sunday morning I was off
to Hamilton – my eldest nephew with
me: was a fabulous fine October
day by my side: we the glorious

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down the Jolly cut. – the fine apple, right
under me snapped: one I was picking
out on my left side – finger was out,
and my elbow was bruised, it was my
cut, and bruising of the two! my clothes
was covered with mud! I had to
be the coachee: we stung the apple in
the case (the Life saving) but – glorious
run. – I suppose I was the two
the good / calmness / fingers or most likely
I may have the lucky touches.

You will be glad – I am glad I
a spotless health, mind and
kid! – Kindly remember me to Miss
Edwards and friends! and thanking
you Kindly for your thoughtful re-
gards: believe me My Dearest, as
ever! Yours Sincerely –
Dr. Edwin Esq. J. W. Kelly. M.D.
Niagara.

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William McLean Esqr
Lock Box No.
Georgetown D.C.
Bank

Hamilton Ont.
5. August 1884.-

Office is enclosed - you to the Fisheries Superintendent Office. -

And that the Letter is wrong for inputting four letters -

Mr Anderson - bought the note before the date Came - and the Party in their written power a resolution to petition the Department for to exempt Duties Crude from the provisions of the Fisheries Act. -

Please report progress - and let me Know what you have done, many thanks for your Kind and warm welcome I shall not be able to answer it - until after the Records return! as it is now Quarter 12 o'clock - night - I am by all Means in this letter - and with Kind regards -

Yours Sincerely. -
Jas Kerr - P.C.

Private!

Wm Hall Esq
P.O. Erie

My dear Hall. -

Yours received - the Records - are - I note in Case the meeting - I met him there at 9.15 a.m. on the arrival of Montreal Express Train.

He has gone to the upper Lakes. - will not be back for 15 or 20 days - when I shall have an interview with him - He spoke Kindly as well as many other fishing matters.

I had a letter, and the Letter Thus Brass" - from Mr Wm Hall Lane of Georgetown - to - any stating you had given Anderson and two others $100 each for fishing - for you for saying so - stating they, the reason it was done is! that you receive half of the fines. - I have written replying to - by this all the facts, when

Copy.-

Hamilton. -
10th June 1873.-

Sir, -

I have the honor to report for your information, that on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last;- the 7th 8th and 9th days of June instant; when on the Island "Toronto" in Lake Ontario, - I found thousands of small fish; whom some people call "mother herring" - others, call them shiners; but I have always known them by the name of "Blow's Eye" as the resemble that fish! lying on the shore of that portion of Lake Ontario; between the Light House, and Hamilton; "and opposite" points. - -

The water of the Lake, and the shore was strewn over with the dead of these fish; for a distance of about one mile. - -

The surface of the Lake water for some distance outwards from the shore, was perceptibly alive with these fishes, who kept jumping in, and out of the water! not in sport, but as if some thing, or from the effects of something; that was to me, to be killing them en to certain death. -

In it ended in these fishes, at last floating dead on the surface of the Lake water. -

The fish I have refer to, were about from inches long, inches wide, the round; with a bright shining colour, very deep in the belly, with a kind of an like eye shade; perhaps! if I saw those fish were of the size of sardines, I would be thinking what is really a feast. -

Amongst the several thousands, I saw not one dead; I did not see, nor find a single fish of the

Hon: The Minister.
M. M. F. -
Ottawa.

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any other Kind nor description, beyond what I have here described to you as these Eyes, or as resembling this fish. ---

So many dead and dying fish created wonder and astonishment amongst the hundreds of visitors from the City of Toronto who frequent the Island, daily, for recreation. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant, —
J. H. Wilkes. —
Lilly Cottage.

Copy.-

Hamilton. -

Sir. -

30. June 1874. . . .

I Have the honor to draw your attention to the report I made to you, on the 10th day of June 1871 respecting commercial gentlies of a certain Smelt fish, supposed to be at that time about you! I saw dead, dying, and living the previous Sept. on Lake Ontario, at Toronto Island. . .

It appears now, competent Judges declare that fish to be shad, - and I can state from my own personal Knowledge, and the truthful assertions of many fishermen, that millions of this fish inhabit Lake Ontario, and I do more plenty than a few years ago, in their infant state, by the Fish Breeding Establishment, the great Fish Breeding Establishment of Saratoga, - State of New York. . .

At Niagara, this season, large quantities were caught, and sold to - Fish dealers, for a few a piece, who disposed of them to - Hotels in St. Catharines. - - -

My sole object in writing you is, that you will please cause an Order in Council to be passed, and issued for their protection, giving them a place in the Fisheries Act, amongst our other fishes. - Public interest is greatly down this season, towards this class of fish. .

They are at present almost as numerous as herring are here, in the portion of Lake O. that comprises within my district, and are in demand in Niagara when they can; when I first discovered them. -

The Hon. the Minister. -

Ottawa! - 1.

My letter of 10th June 1791 will have told you, what I witnessed at that time. —

Not knowing the exact month that will find you, but expecting any day that it may, I now get my small pocket at the evening. I made more than a year ago, when I bought this matter of a stranger but then unknown to me. Quick under the notice of the Lieutenant. —

I have the Honor to be

Sir —

Your Obedt Servt —

Wm Wilkins —

Tiddy Enquire

Hamilton / Mr 20 - - -

Hamilton, Ont.
7th August 1884...

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, containing enclosed report to you, from W. H. Venning Esq. Inspector of Fisheries, dated St. John, N.B. 1st August 1884, reporting upon specimens of fish sent him for examination from Lake Ontario.-

I am in obedience to your order and request, I beg most respectfully to report to you thereon as follows:-

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With reference to question No: 1. — "Thus: —
"The existing fish laws should or otherwise
"to be in Lake Ontario or in any other waters
"connected with it, if so, do they propagate,
"are their young ever seen in this state." —

In answer to this question, I have to report, that I am not aware that Salmon fishermen of the Hamilton division of Lake Ontario, have repeatedly reported to me, and from time to time since June 7th 1878.-
Occasionally young shad have been captured in the waters of Lake Ontario, but such is of rare occurrence, not more than a fish, per year. I have never seen any of the large shad, captured by the fishermen myself. —

In the present fish, no alteration! — I have to report that although I have seen and practised the saving the past three years, I have never yet seen an Ordinary fish under size, of 9 — 10 inches. — —

To Wilson Esq.
Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa! —

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I give in a report, extra Washington, D.C. February 1871, made by Commissioner Spencer F. Baird, to the Secretary of the United States, transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington: U.S., on page 462.—

Professor Baird states in No: 2,— under the head, of Sturgeon or Acipenser, thus: —

"The usual length of this species of shad, which is "best known in New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, "by the name of Sturgeon, is from 6 to 10 inches,— "the back is a blue green, appearing in sunshine "silvery". "The head and green above, and "the tip of the lower jaw of the same color, sometimes "yellow."

My impression is, that I have seen since I have the report referred to, that the specimens of fish shown to, and caught by Mr. Roberts, fishermen, in Lake Utopia, and exposed to the department, — Others! — for Mr. U.S. King, Inspector of Fisheries, St. John, — New Brunswick, — are identical with the above fish, in the Atlantic report as above.

I may add, that I never saw any of these fish, 8 or 10 inches long. — I have understood Mr. Roberts, fishermen, to say that they spawn during the whole year round. —

I have in Lake Utopia, Pickerel, Sucker, Mudsucker &c.. I have never seen them, nor heard them in any other place. —

Fish exposed to question, No: 3. — Thus: —

"I have only seen this one single specimen fish.

Lake Huron in Ontario waters?"—

In answer to this, I have to report for your information, since the 7th day of June 1873.—

Please refer to copy of my report thereon, dated 20th of June 1873.- Copy - No: 1,- and a subsequent report, dated 20th of June 1874. Copy No: 2,- made on each date; to "The Hon.ble The Minister of Fisheries,- on same subject - herewith. -

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With reference to question No: 3,— "Has: —
"Is they grow any larger, than specimens sent, or
"have any much smaller ones been found, if so, are
"they smaller ones plenty?"

In answer to this, I beg to report that I have myself, personally - any of the fish, exceeding two Inches long. - I have heard of some that were 6" inches in length. -

Several fishermen, of my division of Lake Erie, have told me, they have seen thousands of them very small; some not more than 1 inch in length. -

I have seen thousands, - of smaller specimens, myself, - some not exceeding 1 inch long, - than any larger than specimens. -

They are evidently a cold water fish, retaining the smell and taste of the cold water of the rivers, when cooked. -

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I hope these reliable answers, to the queries given me, together with some specimens of fish, just caught, packed in ice, and shipped, with this report; when they reach you, they will, I hope, prove satisfactory. -

I have closely watched the season of this species; and reported frequently, to the superintendent

Hamilton, Bda
11th August 1842.

My dear Sir

Yours of 5th received.—
You ask me what do I think of your father report.

I answer to your question, I have to inform you, that so far as my very limited knowledge goes, your father's report is in every particular sound... They are most unjustly running to Mr. Jones's report. The Guyana, Demerara, Trinidad, and upon those of Mr Hamilton, and Nova Scotia.— And you take the proper steps to do justice to Mr. Jones, Mr. Lefroy, Mr. Caldecott, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Ellis

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by [illegible] — by [illegible]
I send the second to the copy which
Jo Tilton — on the 31st inst. —
I — very much oblige to you
for writing me! — and I thank you
Kindly for any &c. —
Our with kind regards,
Yours respectfully —
J. D. Hoover —
Rmk [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
9th August 1884.-

Sir,-

With reference to my report to you of the 7th inst; I beg to state further for your information that the Reservoir from which the City of Hamilton is supplied with water situated within 400 yards of my Residence, in the township of Barton - is pretty well stocked with these inferior shad! - Besides numerous other fish. - -

I may here report for your information that the Filtering Basin, situated on Burlington Beach, and the Reservoir is fully 4 miles apart. -

The Filtering Basin on the Beach, is about 800, or 1,000 yards long, - wide, and deep, dug out and made by excavation! several feet below the surface level of the waters of Lake Ontario. - It is from the Lake, the water filters through the beach and embankment of sand and gravel, to this Basin! and from which it is pumped both by night and by day, - through a large Pipe up in to the Reservoir, from which, as wanted from the Pumping House near the Beach, the water is distributed all over the City of Hamilton. - There is no connection at present between Lake Ontario, and this Filtering Basin!"

However, I may here report, that a few years ago, before the present Filtering basin, was enlarged, and the water got very low in Basin and Lake, a large Wooden pipe was put in, connecting the waters of Lake Ontario, with the Filtering basin, so as to Keep up the supply of water for pumping. &c;

John Tilton Esqre
Deputy Minister of Fisheries, - 1.
Ottawa! - 3

It must be through this large Wooden pipe the shad got into the Fishing Lines, and were prepared from there in the water into the Reservoir. The suction from the Lake to the Basin through this pipe: when the sluice was raised was very forcible.

Mr Wilson Cobb, the Caretaker, and superintendent of the Reservoir and Grounds - told me; that he first discovered the shad in the Reservoir, through the instrumentality of a Cat. - Mr Calder, has informed me, some of the shad are 8 inches long - One several of them have died in the waters of the Reservoir during this present year. And were found by him floating there. -

Respectfully Submitted. -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, -
Your Obedient Servant. -
[illegible] -
Fishery Overseer.

Private

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[illegible] Sept Queen St. E.

Kingston, Dec 4 1849

of our Time and Trouble.—

I write to tell you that Mr Russell left Toronto by the first Passenger Train of the Ontario Line-way, at 9 a.m. for Ottawa. I saw him and saw him home. Mr Russell was at Lord Elgin's levee, but I know for him, nor you of Lord Elgin, and he did not see him!.. He returns by Southampton, L. Bay

I may tell you, Mr Russell tells me, an Office has to be applied at Kingston,— salary 150 — 200 — you, he asks me when under I mean. more for the place!. I explain I under-stand Mr Sherwood Kingston. Queen. E.. E.

Mr Russell asks me if you are not girl! I ask you, you explain people to girl for you, and gain your best Lawyer! Mr Russell says, that under not do; — Lawyer, under not like the office! says perhaps, Mr D. Cameron, will give up the girling! by your making the statement with his express, the Russell the asks me if Mr Sherwood, & I under recommend you for the appointment. I explain, that I expect you under, as you are one of Mr Sherwood supporters, and a good Conservative!. Mr Russell the tells me, I must get recommendation in behalf of Mr Sherwood, as this with be Mr Sherwood, p.p. on the subject. —

I then be thinking the matter over Mr Russell explain for Office:— me if you approve, you might say this yourself Mr Sherwood, adding his

an Officer under the appointment of Ka. Envoy - and ask him to recommend you! Fidèle is on the Coast of the Caf.

My dear appointment Caesar to assist you Sir, you could not be entrusted your dying, being an Envoy Girl!!

That reason, nothing but Evil could induce the punishment to be Jealous! the Envoy I expect, will be strictly separate. Ill as ever! Since you say the Evil could have been cast by the Envoy & the punishment! You did not your say of Evil. Adieu Envoy, as while Girl you rule: your your 1815.

I spent every with my Envoy Envoy at the Envoy House, 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. talking was going when was Envoy morning. You 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. Adieu. You Sir, Envoy!

I hope you are well. Are you your Sir Envoy! Is you Envoy I have your - and respect. Envoy Sir which my Envoy was the finest you are.

Dear, please Envoy write me by Post, and explain me to the Envoy Envoy, Envoy, and the punishment.

Do please write immediately if you appear! I am in utmost trouble. I am sure to Envoy; that my Envoy of appointing me to Fidèle House. I would recommend you to with Envoy House, as soon as you get this letter of mine.

The appointment with you your punishment Envoy Envoy Envoy! and please you to the coming punishment: I wish you a Envoy I Envoy you Sir Envoy I am very with your Envoy & punishment. you right & of Envoy Sir Envoy to Envoy. Envoy Envoy 9 a.m. 8 p.m. Envoy! as Envoy Sir Envoy you Envoy Envoy Sir Envoy Envoy Envoy Envoy you Envoy: as I to you: you Envoy Envoy of my Envoy! Your punishment Envoy, Envoy

12 August 1814 Envoy



Private!

Mr. Hamilton Esq.
P.O. Highland Creek.
Ont.

My dear Hamilton!—

My dear, where are you
Take Noon to Church, etc. on Sunday
morning! Do let me see you soon!—
Do write the Dear—on Sunday!—I
received a Telegram summoning me
to Toronto! I must start by 3.15 p.m.—
Then, dear Hamilton on Monday, we
spend it at the Rose House.—

I was in consultation with the
General Manager on Monday morning, and
a couple of Hours on Tuesday morning.
I saw him in Room 76 Big Block
at 9 a.m.— at the Credit Valley Station
for Ottawa!— I saw Gurnett, who is
pressed me for you were up; and at the
Island,— I was very last week.—

I could not manage it on Monday
to get you to Toronto, for the two

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I was delighted, and I saw him, and he
left on Monday morning Thursday:
I was thinking more of you
during it. I spoke to him about you!
He was — Then of — part of the
Noon, and at the first week— I left
about 7 o'clock to Port Union, and the
rest to Scarborough! and at Home!—

I was better for — trip to Lake
House,— Home— nice with you when the
Lion roars.— Carolyn Hamilton with
my boys are busy at spring cleaning
both. Tea about one Monday— the Dear
boy up! Some spring cleaning also! more
to do this.— I hope you are well.—
My Kind regards to you as ever —
Dear Hamilton!—

Yours Sincerely,—

Hamilton, Ont. Alexander Dru
10 August 1874.

Private!-

Hamilton Cast.

My dear Sir!- 16. August 1894.-

I am just in receipt of a letter dated Fuegel, August 15th 1894, from Mr. John Davidson, one of the Registers of Pushnick Lake, of which I send you a copy! which I hope will prove gratifying to you!.

In the mean time, and until the pleasure of the department is obtained by me, I have written to Mr. John Davidson, and I advised him to stop en passant for angling for the present, in Pushnick Lake.- I write you up there on next wednesday morning, or as soon as I hear from you.

Please refer to my report, letter 25th July 1891.- addressed to W. H. Hamilton Esq. Commissioner of Fisheries.-

I may then report for your information and the Deputy Ministers!- That it was on the 3rd day 1892.- The first deposit of fry.- Californian salmon; Lake Trout, and White fish. was made! according to report of 25. July 1891.-

I accompanied Mr. Charles Wilcot, from Hamilton, to the Lake.- was present then, when the fry was planted!-

I am delighted to be in a position to report that such success has originated in the first place, between yourself, Mr. Seaman, Davidson and myself; it is the most pleasure to me!-

It is the only successful planting of fry in which I felt so deep an interesting as it is in the first place under my personal direction!. I get the more gratified thereby, in consequence!..

Now Sir: Which route have to take

and Pickerel as well as Trout, Whitefish, and California Salmon, been planted, all at the same time! Good by to the shining fly!—

There would be nothing now to report upon!—

It is to be deeply regretted that Mr Davidson, has not reported the matter to me sooner, so that a Fish Hatchery had been put to working, and Millions of California Salmon during the long period of 6 months past.—

It is too late, when such a successful achievement has been attained.— Will you please excuse me!—— Your most respectful Obedient Humble Servant.—

Signature illegible
Fishery Engineer

D. A. [illegible]
[illegible] Fisheries

section 11. of the Fisheries act.—

My Dear Mr Bowell, you enquired elsewhere the first time, and between the dates, and the planting, was one good hidden Summer!— as much the better!— I would not venture an application by mail by you for rod-privilege at this late season of the year of our Lord 1876, considering the opposition already manifested to those known you — against me: for Mr Bowell will say no more about them for the balance of this year.

We should never attempt to embarrass the department at Ottawa.— We must move in accordance with me for going about!— I mean with Friends you!

You say! Then why you Little Critic "Inside of Lunch Island, and Millions Trout, to other parties."

Now — mark this! I write entirely alone you! that you are upon no account to make an application for any

Hamilton Co.
18. August 1824.

Dear Sir —

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and in reply I may inform you, that we have seen Mr. B. — I sent him to the outside of the office, & spoke to him the matters you refer to. — I will refer to each, and you and I can discuss each case you refer to.

As regards — Mr. Brown being allowed by to take up his Claim and move it to another place; there is nothing to prevent him doing so, within the limits named in his Lease, (in as much as it does not specify where it is, only, by the means above him to remove it to a place where it will pay —

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[illegible] of the [illegible] charge.
[illegible] he must [illegible] me [illegible] Land Jackson
[illegible] me also in [illegible] with regard to the
[illegible] the Claim in [illegible] [illegible] the right of
[illegible] he may not [illegible] the right of [illegible] of the
letter [illegible] of September: [illegible] the matter
being [illegible] up by me, which [illegible]
provide you are the right [illegible] from
[illegible] this matter is to be paid [illegible]
for you [illegible] —

Regarding the Appointment of [illegible] to
[illegible] Company Surveyor, you [illegible] are
[illegible] ground or by law you [illegible]
[illegible] be not [illegible] 2 — [illegible] of a mile
[illegible] ground, and we are to suppose
it would [illegible] apply as regards being
[illegible] a Claim not, as more immediately
[illegible]. I regret [illegible] from
the report for the time being we [illegible]
these [illegible] within my limits [illegible]



Copy.

Guelph.
August. 15. 1884.

J. W. Kerr. Esqre
Bishop's Crescent,
Hamilton.

Dear Sir.

I would like if you could pay a visit to Central Park, and see the progress made by your pet.

We have already fished to you as long as they were only catching trout and Sunfish but with the last week a number of Pickerel have been caught measuring about eleven inches in length. If you will fish the ponds any time after the first of September but in bait like you did on the day above you will find the fish and where you must fish.

Yours &c.

Hamilton, Ont.
16. August 1864.-

The Division Supt
Guelph, Ont. &

My dear Sir,-

Yours of the 15th inst. is received ----

I am much obliged for your kind enquiries about my health! I was not much hurt: skeleton picked out on the left cheek.---

The information you have contains about the California Salmon, is very satisfactory, and may be satisfactory!- However on the whole if the fish you allude to, are genuine California Salmon, grown to be 15 lbs in two years since the 3rd day May 1862,- I must candidly confess to you! that we have achieved a great and glorious victory.- However it was wrong to allow any person to catch them, during a period of 6 weeks,- without a report to me on the subject..

According to section 7.- of the Fishing act,- Salmon shall not be fished for, caught or Killed, between the 31st day of July and the 1st day of May, in the Province of Ontario! it is lawful however! to fish for, catch, and Kill salmon with a rod and line; in the manner known as fly fishing, between 30th day of April, and 31st August in Province of Ontario... Of course, you will tell me how these salmon were caught, and when! as soon as I

come up: which will be by the
morning Train, on next wednesday.—
if nothing unusual happens. — I will
telegraph you on tuesday. —

And I would like to procure
a specimen to send the depart=
ment. — Ottawa. —

I was told by a Gentleman, on
last sunday at Hamilton by depot,
that a good many trout were being
caught in Bushnell Lake this sea=
son! it never occurred to me:
at the time: they were some of
the California Lake. —

please, except a specimen or
2 no trout above any more to be
killed for. we ought writing
the section of the department —
Ottawa. —

Yours. K. K.
D. W. Kerr.
Ridley College.

As regards the Island Jubilee matter, you are aware from the great confusion caused by the work going on there, and a large and less expenditure of money – falling behind completely down, – I would advise an application being made by you with the completion of the work – at the Island of Toronto Island. – I hope you will take my advice in your part! – Believe me. I have nothing to gain or expect by my candid advice to you! –

I was about to make the application in your division to say that I objected to what I was about to say – to make the application you have made on the matter indeed. – I feel that my change will be made clear at present. – Just abide your time! and attend strictly to your duty. –

In consequence of recent changes in the Department – at Ottawa – they have not got right to ask the question! – with for

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Distress, and Replevin!—

Warrant to distrain for Rent.—

Co.— Patrick Hennigan Esq.re
of the Town of Niagara!—
Bailiff—

I—Thereas—— hereto fore to wit on
the—— day of——— in the year of
our Lord—— at the Township of City of
Niagara, in the County aforesaid, did demise
unto Michl.— one Wm. Brown, whereof
Michl. is now possessed, All that Dwelling House
of the Town of Niagara, and in the County of Lin-
coln! for the term of one year— during which
term the said rent of Thirty pounds became due
& payable, and there remains due for the re-
mainder of said rent, as the Lessor claims.—
Dated at Niagara, this 15th day of
August 1834.——

Yours. &c. &c.
Michl. Brown—
Lessor.—

Immediate!

Hamilton. Calif.
my own Li,— 9. August 1864.

Yours of 11th just received!
Oh! my dear friend!— You have been
wishing the long evening to your
welcome, the letter of 4th. — —
prisoner for 2 months. —

Now the ogre is gone! but
how sad! with memories of them!.
I think my Love: Thanks-offering
and — in your fitting Corner —.

Read section 14. of the Statutes
Ord.— If you have not got a copy,
let me Know at once and I
will send you one! — Live up
to the Law! — I am so sad! —
Your Friend! —
J. W. Hinkle —
J. O. Hinkle Esq. Indian Agent
Yr. Yr. Yr.
Humboldt B. Office
Cal.

Hamilton. Calif.
9. August 1864. —

my own Li,—
I am longer than you
and I,— guess give the Chinch
bug fair run — however! —
Mrs. Conner, gave me word that
her husband of that name died:
and Mrs: Keith. has also given me
word, since I be to tell the story of her
married Mrs. Conner. —
They are worthy Friends. —
I am,
my own Li,—
Your Sympathizing
J. W. Hinkle —
Indian Agent.

Alice Hinkle Esq
Indian Agent. H. B.
Arizona. —

Private!-

Memorandum for Mr. J. B. Murdock,
Inspector of Police
Ottawa!-

I send you copy of letter I got re-
ceived from Mr. J. B. Murdock, Gold-
smith. Murdock Post office. made
of Bottomless Lies. Forgin
Rogue.- and as Common Bottom-de-
ceiver! it will prove to you Mr.
Robbins, neglect of duty all over!

Yours respectfully,-
Hamilton.- Ont. John Hall Kerr.-
19. August 1884.- Police Constable
Copy.-

Goldsmith Mr. Murdock
Post Office. Hamilton
Dear Sir,-

I have my first
Horse on Barrie side! I have been

during the hole of first in time.
some person says it is not right.
I have first doing it, there is no
body-picking here but myself.-
is it wrong.-

Please answer and oblige.-

Yours.-Yr.-
J. B. Murdock.-

Goldsmith.- Respect. Hamilton. Ont.
of Dear Sir.- 19. August 1884.-

Yours of 16th just received, obje
my dear friend! you have been violat
ing the Law, owing to your non ob
servation to the extent of $100.- or im
prisonment for 2 months for each time
you done it.- Any the officials in
police! but better die!! and never
of them.- I think my dear: Yours J.
Murdock. in your Police Constable, now!

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Hamilton, City,
19. August 1864.

My own Li.—

Yours of 18th inst. is just received... I may have cause you that no letter money — write you. I not. My Reason. Commission of Bullion — Otherwise; by appointment at Charles's — and I am in daily expectation of receiving from Li a new mineral Journey — in the mine by which I write it may appear you — I will also send you at Felt. —

I have — the same the appointed the sept Albion: and the copy of your letter: one other for the remaining printed notice. so that you may have the — by Pic: Albion. the second Inspector of the Commissary Office to you ready in the Line. — I am.

My Own Darling Truly. —
H. Vaughan L. Stephens &c. —

have written to you by the Pictonia but if you have not got — copy let me know at once. and I will send you one! Live up to the Law! —

I am, as ever, —
Your friend. —
H. Vaughan —
J. A. Murdock Esq's Surveyor —
Murdock Office.
Lillooet. —

mine. you talked recently with me about it Frank!- that you intended for Dinny with him - in the Surgery, mine Southampton.-

Yours sincerely.-

Hamilton. Cty
19. August 1884.

Dilly Cuppy

Copy.

Brantford. Augt 18./84.

Dear Sir.-

We feel sure - the Lord does - the Jews this is your, and it is our practice that a man should be like unto this man.- You have to undertake opinions in these matters, we you with respect a great power if you in Kirby meet me at the Inquiries here - Feb - the day & time will you me mentioned, and you will greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully.-
Wm O. Brown
Jewish Rep
Kirby Cuppy
Kirby Inspector Hamilton.

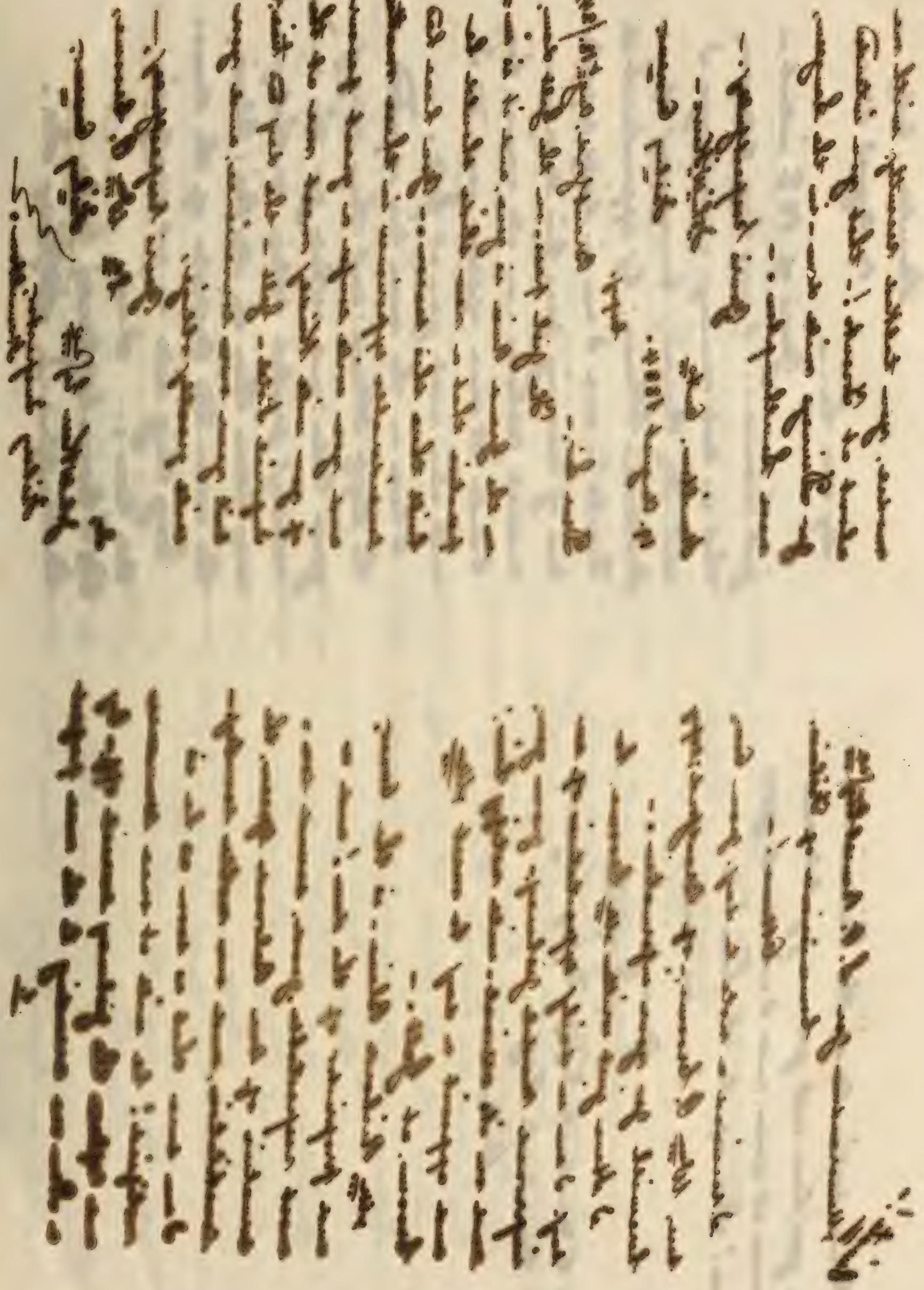
Wm O. Brown Jewish Rep Kirby Cuppy

I received a note to say, you, Wm O. Brown - of Brantford: 18th Inquiries for your operation.-

I then got with Wm Brown to say, I am - only opposite of my opinion would [illegible] you - for me in the matter - the only thing I am opposed - say to meet Wm Brown at Feb.-

Wm Richard Alexander - is the Brown, one proprietor of the Jews! one - most respectable gentleman, known in, quarter of the Globe from the children, one - matter worship - I am sure that a man as he is eligible! to vote at our Elections - I am opposed to the Kirby system [illegible] - I am writing to the Jews proprietor

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Private!-

Memorandum for Yourself and
The deputy Minister of
Fisheries.- Ottawa.-

Your special fishery service; is a good one!-

Instructions received! I will endeavour to do my duty, and carry them out in such a manner, as to merit your approval..

Your cheque for $75.- is ample sufficient..-

Your licensee list of fishermen in the James Bay division of Lake Huron for years- 1881.- 1882, 1883 and 1884. between Point Clarke, and Cape Hurd, including adjacent islands!- is received! will be carefully examined into by me!- I am already aware that others have fished during 1882.- 1883 and 1884.- are fishing at present- in "Stokes Bay"- Lake Huron whose names I dont find on your lists: when I get the Fishery in Georgian Bay fairly started! I will look around, and report to you the result..

I will start on tomorrow friday morning at 9. a.m.- will arrive at Southampton about 5. p.m.- commence work right away.-

My plans are all arranged; and I believe I can carry out the deputy Ministers instructions; however I will endeavour to do so and the Hon. The Minister may rely upon me I hope to do so in a satisfactory manner..-

I am Your respectful
Obedient Servant.-
Hamilton. Ont. John Wilkes
21. August 1884. Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton Ont.
24. Sept. 1884.

Dear Madam, —

I send you by mail this day your Rent Lease for Jail Yard. Having fyle note. during the balance of year 1884. —

Your Lease extends from your — Lot, running parallel to the East, up to Lake — Ontario — on — as the N. mile Creek. You are the only person who is permitted under Lease to fyle note — Niagara side of Stephenson's point. — The balance of — fyle note. will be ever ready. — I see — telegraph from Niagara! — will have to come down. —

Get a couple of your hands to fyle the Rent — fyle note, for you, when you are depend upon, and who will attend specially to their own business and yours, — I am, — Yours — John W. Kerr —
Mrs. Jane Lee Niagara. P.O.

Memorandum! for S. P. Rent Lease
Com: of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! —

I send you herewith, with many thanks, receipts in duplicate as follows: —

Cheque No:	62. —	For	$109.13.4. —
"	" 63. —	"	" 80.35. —
"	" 0207. —	"	" 75.00. —

I am, Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant, —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
25. August 1884. —

Hamilton. Ont.
30. August 1884.

Sir.

I have the honor to report, that in obedience to your order, I arrived at Southampton, on the 22nd inst. which is in the North Riding of Bruce, situated on the Sauger River, Lake Huron, a village where I found the gill net boats, owned by fishermen, resident there, at present fishing in Lake Huron, landing their white fish and trout, caught in the Lake! with illegal gill nets, in each summer of each year; and during the present summer, of only 4½" and 4¾" inch mesh, extension measure. —

Messrs George Dobson, and George McAulay! — fishermen, resident there, informed me, Fishermen of Southampton, fish no other size gill nets in Lake Huron during the summer season! — I examined a 4½" inch, mesh gill net myself, on 29th instant, ——— George Dobsons property. —

The fish caught, are landed near the mouth of the Sauger River, at the Fish Houses, gutted, put up in ice, in Barrels, — and shipped daily by Railway Express Train! to Fish dealers, living in the inland Cities, Towns, &c of the Province of Ontario! and in the United States of America. — — —

On my arrival in Southampton, on the evening of 22nd instant, I was told and complaint was made to me, that the waters of the Sauger River, was polluted by acids, deliterious substances, poisonous matter, and chemicals, running from the large and extensive Tannery, situated in the village, on a small Creek, — abounding with Black bass, as I was told by the Tannery Owner, Mr Bowman. —

This polluted stuff runs from the Tannery into the small stream, that empties into the Sauger River, and was permitted, and allowed by the owners of said Tannery to pass into, be left, and remain in the waters of said Sauger River, a stream frequented by the fish named in the act, — the same being in contempt of the Fisheries act.

The Hon. Mr
Deputy Minister of
Fisheries — Ottawa! —

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On the 23rd instant, I visited the mouth of the small Lagoon, and I examined the locality closely, as I have already reported to you on the 24th instant.—

It your case of talk being similar cases, that Messrs Jones Bain the Local Courts, has neglected his duty in this matter, by not taking action in the case! I sent summons before W. G. Cawsey Esq.r J.P., a Magistrate living in Leith, empleyed on the morning of 29th instant—lodged information against Messrs Lawton, and Bowman,— proprietors and the Owners of this great Sole leather Tannery,— charged them as set forth herein above specified.— Summonses were duly issued! the case came up before the Magistrate in his office at the Town Hall, at 6. oclock. p.m. same day,— The Proprietors appeared there at the fixed hour, the charge was read over to them by the Magistrate!!...— "They pleaded guilty to the offence!"

Each having admitted the offence! the Magistrate imposed a fine of £5.— and £2.— Costs.— which was instantly paid— forming a fitting end and strict observance of the law.

I may here report that Sulphuric Acid, one of the most deadly, deleterious, destructive, poisonous matter to fish, that can enter a stream!— Messrs Bowman & Co.— admitted in Court, they permitted to run from the Tannery through the wooden pipes into the small creek, that empties into the Saugeen River, at intervals— during the past 3 years —

I would respectfully recommend, that you permit the fine to remain in abeyance "if you approve"— as a guarantee for the future more strict observance of the law!— Owing to me a letter acknowledging them to be more particular in future, which I can read to them, and further explain matters for their future guidance...—

I cannot conclude without urging for your information, that Lawton Jones etal, should in his duty, by putting this system to stop, and entirely the last 3 years.— Since this extensive Tannery commenced to work, has Factors there at a cost of about £15.000,— as I was told.—

taking no notice of it whatever! — I may also here report, — that at Bathurst, — on Monday and Tuesday, last, at Dalhousie, and at Lake Road, persons told me that Coroner, James Allain, pays no attention whatever to his duties as Fishery officer! —

My communication of 24th August last, will point out to you the way he mixes matters in confusion amongst the fishermen, whom he scarcely ever visits on Lake Beach. —

"Close season," — I was informed by persons competent to know! have never been enforced since Mr James Allain was appointed! and it was thought to be just! every close season in June, each year in his division, and no person to present such open contention of the law. —

Mr James Alain Coroner, — has so much to do otherwise, being Town, and County Deputy Gen Prot Game at a salary of $500 a year!. —

He employs from day to day man in his workshop at Port Elgin, making furniture &c — he keeps a shop, for the sale of furniture. — and a Hearse for attending funerals. —

He is besides a notorious politician, opposed to The Right Honble John A. Macdonald's Government, — stumped the Riding with Mr Gillis — the opposition expected candidate at the last Dominion Election! as I have heard and believe.

Afterwards, when Mr Gillis, determined that he would run for the House! against the wishes of Reformers being supported by Conservatives and elected. —

Mr James Allain, then opposed, and voted against his Patron — Mr Gillis! of such is the Coroner at Port Elgin. —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant. —

[illegible] —

Fishery Overseer. —

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Memorandum for S. A. Street Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

Sir.

Having visited Lake Huron, on the 26th ult^o
upon instant,— I now give you for the information of the de-
partment the following facts, which you will please
lay before him for his information and consideration.—

I found there, eight seine hauling grounds — Established by
1.— William Cole,— Station, No: 1,— Little Beach.—
1. Henry Warf,— " 2.— do — do.—
2.— Wm St. Gile,— " 3.— —"— —"—
4. Dan: Waltonburg, " 4.— —"— —"—
5. Ira Wm Warf,— " 5.— —"— —"—
6. Joseph Johnson, " 6.— —"— —"—
7. Henry J. Vanskiver, " 7.— —"— —"—
8. Wm Green,— " 8.— —"— —"—

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1. Chas Ingles wrote, I was told that Wm Jones, of Ingles
Island No: 8, should be on list you sent me, for year 1842,
for which he paid £1 10 — he Coaster, Jas: Muir, should be
Jas: Muir.—

2.— Wm St. Gile — is on your list,— for year 1841,— for £5,— he
Collect 5/ paid £10,— that year, to Coaster, Jas: Muir, and holds no re-
Jas: Muir.— cipt for same.— Gile fishes on station No: 3,—

3.— Henry Warf,— is not on the list you sent me for Station,
No: 1,— he paid Coaster, James Muir, £5,— on 21st November
Collect 5/ 1842,— for Elijah Williams,— who sold out to Navy,— his name
Jas: Muir is not on your list for 1842,— I saw Coaster, James Muir — re-
ceipt for the £5.— Henry Navy shewed it to me.—

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4. Philip McLennan, of Southampton,— paid 10/— for 1842,— to
Coaster, James Muir.— and he also paid 10, for 1843,— to
Collect 2/ the Coaster James Muir; for Seine hauling ground — on White fish
Jas: Muir. Island.— These names, are not on lists you sent me.—

[illegible]

6. [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible]

7. [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible]

8. [illegible] — [illegible] — [illegible]

9. Besides the foregoing! — There are 8. or 10. Frenchmen, with Boats, — and others who fish Herring gée nets, — sell-down several packages of fish, and sell them! —

Mrs Mc Lennan, told me these people have never fish-ed or owned or any other licence fee. —

She also told me: that Cornelius Jones senr. — had pro-mised her to remit both of the same fish. —

Both told them same!! — This is an unfair distinc-tion! —

Requesting Remittance. —

I am Sir
Your Obt Servt
Alex[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
28th August 1874. —

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[illegible] is with reference to [illegible] as the Inspector in getting Licenses in and the fishermen to [illegible] Lake Huron above Southampton. —

He wishes to explain to you that the reason [illegible] has not been getting it appears to better management of the Fisheries in this division of Lake Huron. —

Mrs! — Mary Annie Johnson, wife of Joseph Johnson, a fisherman, who at present occupies Cove landing station, No 6 Hills Island, Manitoulin, however, — has not been on the Council this year! Her husband has not fished any this year yet, — paid License for 1882, last year, early in the year; but has not paid for the present year yet, — has fished here during the past 5 years. —

Mrs — Johnson states she has never been in Sales Council, to her knowledge, — She never takes up annual returns of fish caught, — value of Boats, and nets, — until last year. —

Her husband — also took out his own annual returns, and took them to Overseer James Nash at Port Legion, — for year 1883, — Her husband, also took the annual returns of all the other fishermen on Sales Council, for year 1883, — to Overseer James Nash at the same time. —

Her husband paid $10.00 — License fee, for year 1882, — on the 16th January 1883, — and he paid for year 1883, — on the 16th of January 1883, — in advance to Overseer James Nash at Port Legion, but the License for year 1883, — was not sent to the Customs until after 31st December 1883, — I give you this as I received it, please judge for yourself. —

Mrs Johnson, gives me to sign Overseer James Nash, name would be the same as a Fishery Overseer might be. —

Mrs Annie Johnson, produces two cheques one License for year 1882, — one for year 1883, —

Which also is the case of the dog. — for License fee paid to the Overseer James Nash, instead of the proper

Regulation fees.—

My Brother James, with the fishermen has a right and to make a mile, from the duty among on the Lining ground.— from Mr. Lewis. down mile.—

Heard Mr. Lewis, was fined, that in consequence of a Seine, got up, and sent to the Fisheries department.— he got heard, was fined Mr. Lewis,— he has his Seine up again & proceeded to Lunenburg.—

Brother James also, was most about the Fisheries, being sent to Ottawa!— learned some of the fishermen on Lake Head, for getting it.—

Mr. J. Hemmeltwright, fisherman, Lake Head.— paid $5.— to Overseer, James Mair, in the first part of July last.— a account of dues for the year 1870.— his station No: 7.— not to provide to pay Overseer, Mair.— the balance of 6 cents, this day, and $ 5. were due for that year when he made it, was over as he sought was over the fish.— to James Mair, this in July last,— which he the $5. was due, that they were intending to put him out of his appointment!— to fish in station No: 7. last year.—

Mr. Hemmeltwright, states, Head Bay.— Fishes on part of Station No: 9.— but pays no rent for it.— Should not be issued except to William Green.—

Wm. Green, is at present fishing at the lower Lake in Lake Huron,— He will be back for the year fishing on the old No: 8.— in this Lake Bay.— Mr. Green, to station pays $10. per year for each fishing station.—

In Mr. Bay.— Lake Head, fishes on Station No: 5. during the year 1869.— paid Overseer, James Mair, $10.— Since for I understand has not the fishing grounds out this,— has not arranged to fish this year yet,— as per giving this Bay, for fishing.— His father Henry Bay.— has in the night.— Overseer— James Mair, says it. was not the fishermen to Huron.—

Received!—

The year 1812.— On the 9th of November 1812.— he received the wages for the day, and hired here.— for 5 months.— Paid in for the Militia Pl: 2 and Pl: 5.— Between Jones Plat.— I receive what he Cannot Jones Plat, Can with the Lease.——

The year 1812.— Mr Hired here.— on the 21st November 1812.— received a Wages for 5/— to finish the Cannot Jones Plat.— Mr Hyde.—

Hyde claims the wages for Pl: 9.— Stables with the Hired Here.— The wood is not in the list for Pl: 9.— nor with for the year 1812.—

Plat 9 for the Pl: 9.— the 1st page of this Plat.——

In the year 1811.— Hired here.— paid for Pl: 9.— Stables Pl: 8. for year 1812.— Pl: 8.— paid for Pl: 5.— Stables Pl: 5. for year 1812.— Hyde Pl: 5.— Hyde paid for the 5th of December 1812.— to Cannot Jones Plat, for Pl: 5.—

The 10 days wages, which the Jurors of the 1812.— Hyde wages.— Mr Jones Jurors Plat Receipts Cannot of Hyde.— Hyde Account.—

Pl: 9 Pl: 5 Hyde for 1810. Pl: 5.—

Pl: Stables Pl: 9.— Hyde Account.— Pl: 9 Hyde Hired Here.— Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.— Hyde Pl: 9.—

The Jurors Expenses were Allowed by me at Hyde Court on 20th August 1812.— Hired here paid the Hyde Hire Jurors of Hiring Hired Jones Plat, the Hyde Jones Jurors Expenses.— The Hyde Hired Hyde Hyde Hyde

Quebec, Lower Canada.
31st August 1840.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 17th instant, in which you have informed me that Lord Russell has been pleased to direct that I should report to him whether I have any objection to the Bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Quebec to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River St. Charles, and for other purposes therein mentioned", and to state whether I have any objection to the Bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Quebec to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River St. Charles, and for other purposes therein mentioned", and to state whether I have any objection to the Bill entitled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Quebec to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River St. Charles, and for other purposes therein mentioned".

I have the honor to report in reply to this that I have no objection to the passing of the first mentioned Bill, but I have objections to the passing of the second Bill, for the reasons which I have had the honor to communicate to your predecessor in office, and which I have the honor to repeat for your information.

The first objection to the second Bill is, that it proposes to authorize the Corporation of the City of Quebec to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River St. Charles, and for other purposes therein mentioned, without providing any means for the payment of the interest or principal of the money to be borrowed.

The Bill proposes to authorize the Corporation to borrow the sum of £50,000 currency,

of the transaction. —

I was informed that after Macdonald extracted the ink from the apple, that he burnt the debris remaining; and a person told me he dumped it into the Saigon river. —

He stank from the fish guts. it sometimes, may/had. —

Lynch & myself — the linguists — myself, discussed and talked the matter over! and we decided at the conclusion not to move in the matter yet awhile the time a little longer. — As an opportunity may present itself, when I may be able to make a clean sweep of Peter Macdonald. — I would not like to move in it. —

I may have cept that letter I left Lieutenant this morning at 10.10. a.m. — I met Lynch Sunday — who informed me that complaint was lodged against Peter Macdonald for a misdemeanour in sticking up the locality — and the people of town with his stinking fish, fish guts, and fish offals. —

When I am sure of a conviction I shall take the proceedings. —

Respectfully submitted. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir, —

Your Obedient Servant. —

[illegible] —

[illegible]

[illegible] for J. C. Rumbold Esq
[illegible] of Victoria —
Ottawa! —

[illegible] thank for your [illegible] I give
[illegible] as you [illegible] hope I [illegible]
[illegible] in the name of Redemption the
[illegible] — the glorious gospel [illegible]
I hope you have enough [illegible] to di-
[illegible] with honour for [illegible] to
[illegible] over the Victoria, — to [illegible]
[illegible] this year some [illegible] for
[illegible] of the Brethren at Redemption
[illegible] them his watchful [illegible] has
he not [illegible] the wrong girl? —

If — official office was appointed
for [illegible] visit, he made [illegible]
the [illegible] for — the [illegible] of
[illegible]. — The [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] me, while they [illegible] at
[illegible] is [illegible]; they are
the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]! — The [illegible] at
[illegible] the [illegible]; [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] at
the [illegible] of [illegible]! — Thy [illegible]! —

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I. Hamilton.
Hotel Rouby —
Southampton. — 7th Sept 1824.

Dear Sir, my
reports receipts, are not returned.
by Emma!

Yours truly
Sidney Rowe

I may receive from you. this week
to N. A. — this Morning we duly rep.
up to 4 p.m. — I have been unwell
and writing reports to you, and the
agents private. —

Glad to hear of receipts from Hilton
has taken off my mind. —

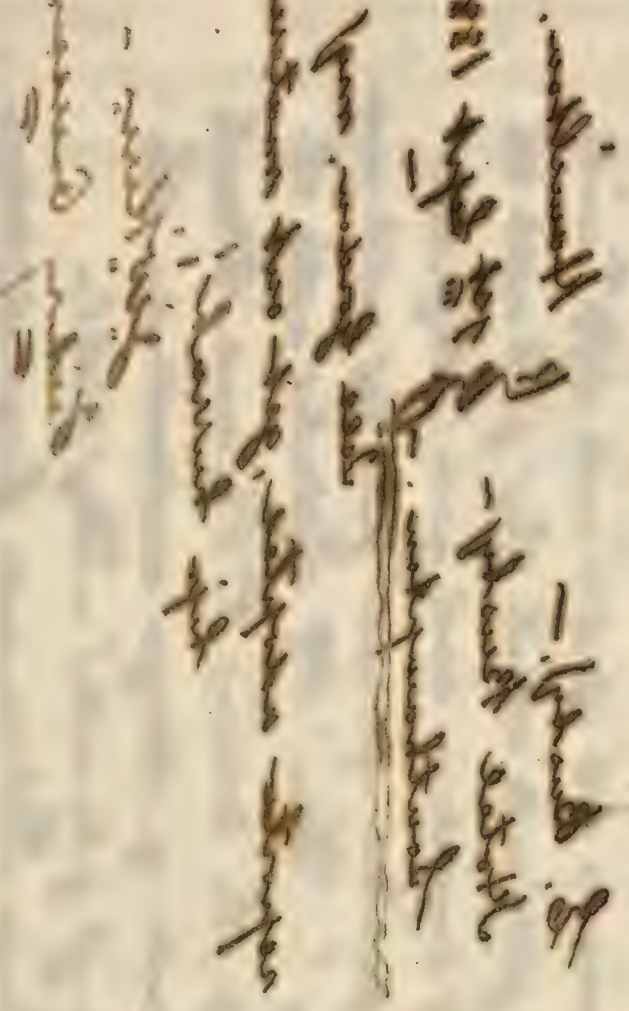
I am sure with the feelings of the
Magistrates of the Colony to you
I hope will you arise but Thursday
the 16th Inst. — to fill with a view
to your remain till the 1st.

I am you see the Magistrates
I make returns. — I hope you may fix
something in it to suit you. —

Believe me ever

Yours most respectfully —

Hamilton. Esq. Sidney Rowe
Chief Magistrate Police. —



Hamilton Ont.
30 August 1864.

Sir,

I have to report that I visited Paisley, situated on the Saugeen River.

The Township, in which Paisley is situated, is the Saugeen at Paisley.

The first saw mill I visited was Mr. Thomas Robertson's at the Village of Paisley.

He owned from about 200.000 feet to 300.000 ft of timber, this year, last spring, in one months sawing. He informed me previous to the saw dust he enter the stream, I was never aware of Government giving permission to any person before me, for to keep the saw dust out of the stream.

Mr. Robertson complains that from the improper fishing of Dams in the Saugeen River, and the fishing at the Mouth of Paisley Harbour, the mouth of that river at Paisley is now filled with saw dust, & the Township, during the spring, for many years past.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
W. McWilliams
Paisley Agency

The deputy Minister
of Fisheries
Ottawa

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

The man who built Saw mills on Pilgrim's streams in Tuscarora, near the village of Elliston. - Mr. Pilgrim, owns only one mill, but during about 300,000 feet of lumber; and all the saw dust was permitted to enter and pass down the creek. - Mr. Pilgrim admits this. - He knows of the saw dust which is from the mill last year, but none of it was whales out this year. -

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Mr. James Cummings. also, has a saw mill - a small spring creek, and Mr. Pilgrim's mill in the village of Elliston. - he does not saw much, but when ever he does saw, the saw dust is permitted to pass into the creek. - There is sufficient water with in this saw mill. -

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I may here report, in connection with saw mills - that I saw Mr. Hugh McClean, of the firm of D. McClean & Son, of Sallie mills, at Southampton, on the 18th instant, who tells me that about 3 months ago Cummings came to their mill! - he found a little saw dust in the stream; requested him going on at the time, he should discontinue them up before J. H. Cummings had Mr. J. for Southampton (They admitted the saw dust stopped from the mill from during the opening of the mill? Again Cummings opened a pair of flumes which is not quite yet. - I talked with the magistrate about putting one! and he told me it was in course of a publication to come up. Inquired and found the Superintendent that Cummings mill, named in Affidavit! He told him it he should have gone for Cummings saw mill, would last spring! Again Cummings told me it is changed. Cummings mill [illegible]

[illegible] Affidavit! [illegible] Cummings [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] of Tiflis,
[illegible]!—

I receive [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

tion, on last Friday - the names of the fishermen, who fished at Tolumney last year 1888, - and I send the same to you herewith. - - - viz :-

1. Malcolm McInnes, - Southampton, - fished. 1. Boat, -
2. Malcolm McKenzie. do, - do. - 2. Boats, -
3. George McCulley. - do. - do. - 1. Boat. -
4. Dan: McCulley. - do - do. - 1. Boat. -
5. John McCulley. - do. - do. - 1. Boat. -

These names are equal to $30. - for year 1888. - In last you sent me, for year 1888. - I only find the name of Malcolm McKenzie. for $5. - 1. Boat. - he fished 2. Boats. . .

Please find out from Overseer. George L. Miller, if he collected license money. - from above named

The Deputy,
Minister of Fisheries, -
Ottawa!.

1. fishermen.

Hamilton.- Ont^{o}.
3rd September 1884.-

Sir.-

I have to report that there is another case, of the Southampton Boat fisherman, in Owensee, James Muir, division; for year 1883.- to which I now draw your attention.-

I was at Meaford on Georgian Bay.- on 1st February last.- met Owensee, George S. Miller, of Owensound there! by appointment!- who told me he had arrived home the evening before from Port Elgin, where he had been to see Owensee.- James Muir! about collecting Boat licence fees.- from Southampton fishermen, who had fished during the year 1883.- in Georgian Bay. at Tobermory.- But he had not succeeded in getting the money.- as Owensee, James Muir, had collected it, and sent it to the department.- Ottawa.-

I obtained from fisherman George Dobson, Southampton, on last Friday.- the names of the fishermen, who fished at Tobermory last year 1883.- and I send the same to you herewith.- - - - vizt -

1. Malcolm McD^{d} Dun.- Southampton.- fished. 1. Boat.-
2. Malcolm McD^{d} McKenzie. do.- do.- 2. Boats.-
3. George McD^{d} Bailey.- do.- do.- 1. Boat.-
4. Dan: McD^{d} Bailey.- do.- do.- 1. Boat.-
5. John McD^{d} Bailey.- do.- do.- 1. Boat.-

These names are equal to $30.- for year 1883.- on list you sent me, for year 1883.- I only find the name of Malcolm McD^{d} McKenzie for $5.- 1. Boat.- he fished 2. Boats...-

Please find out from Owensee. George S. Miller, if he collected licence money.- from above named

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries,-
Ottawa!.

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fishermen, as Dobson told me there was a dispute about paying the license fees for 1883,—and he believes, it was not paid.—

These fishermen, I understand fished last year, late in the year—after leaving Tokomaru,—in Lake Huron, at Big Island, N. Stokes Bay,—within Overseer James Muir's division of Lake Huron! Can any explanation should satisfy them this! And why are the names not returned...

The names should be all on list you sent me for year 1883.—

N. St. Bay,—of Buckingham Canal, now on Big island! can tell all about it; for all stopped in the same shanty, and all fished together late last fall, 1883.—

It appears to me, there is a decided case of wilful neglect of duty here in this case alone,—on the part of Overseer, James Muir.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
Archibald Kerr,—
Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton C. W. [illegible]

Lt. Captain [illegible]

Sir. . . .

With reference to F. St. Cary. - fishing in Lake Huron on Big Island. - called on the Chart. Lyall Island; as per my report to you of the [illegible] now beg to give you information the following statement of two fishermen declared before me this day. - I attach them to yesterdays report. -

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. -

Your Obedient Servant. -

J. H. Wilkes -

Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa. . . .

Sir. -

[illegible] of Burlington Canal, a [illegible] in Lake Huron off Lyall Island, - who has fished during part of year 1883. - caught salmon trout there! last 2.500 yards of Trout, and white fish gill nets, and a gas boat. The boat was then worth $250, and is at present worth $300, - paid no license fee. never was asked for any! - never saw Overseer James Stein, of Port Elgin at Big Island - alias Lyall Island. Lake Huron, while he was fishing there. . . .

Fished with F. St. Cary, Captain Chisholm, during year 1883. - for 2 months. . . .

Left Hamilton on 27th of April 1883. - for Big Island - Lyall Island. - Works Cary. - L. Huron stopped there for 2 months, then returned home. -

Declared before me at Leyhat this 4th day of September 1884. - [illegible]

Witness - J. H. Wilkes - Fishery Overseer for D. O. - County of Wentworth, -

Corey.—

Jacob Corey, of Burlington Beach,—fisherman, states, he was up at Lyal Island, commonly called Big Island, in Lake Huron; Stokes Bay: from the 1st Oct. 1883,— to the 6th March 1884, when he left there and returned to Burlington Beach:— fished for 2 months there last fall, with his father, T. H. Corey.— Is a married man with a wife and two children.— Caught there in four days last fall, 4 or 6 Trout, and a few white fish.—

Has had 3,200 yards of Salmon Trout, and white fish gill nets.— The Nets were only 3"—3½"—4" inch mesh, Extension measure!—

Has paid no license fee for year 1883.—

A Bailiff, named Briggs,—was at Big Island last November.—

He told my father then! that Cameron, James Muir, of Port Elgin, desired him to collect $5.— license fee, from him, for year 1883.—

T. H. Corey,—said to Bailiff Briggs,—he did not have the money then!— Briggs then replied pay it to Cameron, James Muir,—at Port Elgin, and that will do.— Jacob Corey, was present, and he states, he believes his father has not paid that license fee of $5.— for year 1883;— his father fished up there during the year of 1884, is fishing there at present.—

Dugald McKinlay, of Southampton, and Lewis Martin of Southampton,—fishermen;—fished each one boat with gill nets,—in Lake Huron,—off Lyle Island—last November—1883.—

He heard his father fished, in month of Oct.— with Malcolm McKenzie, of Southampton, fishermen, fished last November 1883,—gill nets in Lake Huron,—off Greenock Harbour.——

Continued :-

Thirteen Boats altogether fished out of Greenock Harbour, last November 1888. - And put up their fish in packages...

Neil Murray - Southampton - fished 2 Boats with gill nets - last November in Lake Huron - from Greenock Harbour...

Had all caught an abundance of Trout & White fish...

Of the Thirteen Boats and fishermen, Owners and Crews! who fished gill nets there - some are from Goderich, some from Kincardine; and the rest from Southampton...

Jacob Berry, - further says all the facts & things set forth in this his statement, - and testimony - is strictly correct and true.

Declared before me at Burlington Beach - this 4th day September 1889...

Witness, - Signed -

J. Hickson - Bailiff Comm. Jacob Berry. -
H.C. County of Wentworth. -

Memorandum: for S. O. Bancroft Esq
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

Lt. Gurd Dugald McCauley's name on your list for the year 1883.—

Lt Gurd Lewis Martin's name is not on your list for year 1883.— Both fished in Lake Huron. off Lyal Island.—

And neither do I find the name of Neil Murray on your list for 1883,— Jacob Long in his evidence, states he fished 2. Boats in Lake Huron— off Greenock Station.—

Neil Murray— is on your list for year 1884, but as I understand, Overseer James Mair— returns the license fees,— until the end of the year, I suppose you have not got the money yet.—

Now! you will please observe: that Long. Dugald McCauley— Martin, and Murray.— fish 5 Boats,— and no money is returned as paid for year 1883,— by Overseer James Mair, to the Fisheries department,— Ottawa.—

Besides 10. other Boats,— fishing at Greenock— last November, most likely using the close season! Of which, likely you know nothing. For, as I have before told, Overseer James Mair, is not known on Lyal Island, nor at Greenock Station.— It is for you, for fishermen to pass remarks— on and pass neglect of duty, as is displayed by Overseer James Mair.—

I have simply done my duty, and bring the matter under your notice; for the display of their decision.— (Submitted!—

Hamilton, Ont.
4. Sept: 1884.

Wm Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
5. September 1884.

Dear Sir. -

I now send you the bill of materials, I have prepared for the Railway according to the Model! - It is constructed by you at the end of Mile three near your first mile - in Longue Rive, Southampton. - Mr. Dewey - you and I, can go over it together! I will, first calling round on next monday. -

Yours, Dear Sir, -
Yours Sincerely. -
John Wilkes -
Railway Engineer.

George Gordon Esq.
Mile Owner, and
Proprietor, -
Chippawa Mills, -
Post Office. -
North Dumas - Ont.

Hamilton, 11th Sept. 1884.

Dear Sir, -

I got your letter to get up an estimate, and return it to Mr. Wilkes of Chippawa, with the Model of the Railway - We have - with the Model before me, and I will be able to do so. Mr. Wilkes - and I intend to call on you, before we leave, on our way to Southampton - Both are very busy men, at the present time - but we will manage to get over it - I will be at your office on Monday - Yours Truly, -

Jno. Wilkes -
Railway Engineer.

Bill of Materials.—

According to Pickering.—Model.—

The Lines.— 12. Round timbers. 50. feet long. 12 inches diameter.
4. —do.— do. 20. feet long.— do.—
24. Logs.— 4. feet long.— do.—
2. Planks.— 50. feet long.— 5. feet wide.—
4. inches thick.— any wood. to make up
4. feet.— for the lines inside of them!—
The Model must scale!—

The Bottom.—
60 feet long by 13 feet wide, by 6 inches
the. Taking in account the spaces be-
tween.— the top. the top will be equal to the
bottom.—

Upper Works or top frame!—
7.— Lines.— 10 feet long.— 10" x 10" inches.—
14. Posts.— of various lengths.— the largest is
about 12. feet.
2. Timbers.— 50. feet long.— 10" x 4". inches.—

The inside Knees.— or Bracks.—
10. Lines.— 40" x 10" inches.— and about 6. feet
long.—

The Lower end.—
10 feet.— 13 feet, by 6 inches thick, same as
bottom frame.—
The pieces beneath the bottom, to be
according to the depth of water in the ship
draught. Exactly from bottom. to top; as for
model.—

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The two top of this work, for the top of frame to rest on, from 2" to 3" feet, sloping down from upper end to the lower end. —

The entrance in the bottom is 5' x 4' feet. the same size as the inside of the building or fishway. —

The upper opening to be regulated the 4 sizes, according to levels. — —

The gates! —

To be made and framed of oak wood in the fishway, just in the place, as they in the model, and according to the specification. — —

The side pieces to be planked, to the same size thickness of the oak work, —

and

The end ways at the bottom, to be bolted, in to the gate work. — —

Hamilton, Ont.
3rd September 1874.

Geo. Wright —
Dickey Engineer

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Hamilton. Ont^{o}
5. September 1884. —

Sir. —

I have the honor to send by Express this day, an adult shad, caught by Patrick Hand. of Brouse! in Lake Ontario. in front of the Township of Saltfleet. in a 5" inch mesh gill net. on thursday the 4th instant. — —

I have addressed to L. O. Bouset Esqre Fisheries department. Ottawa, — and have telegraphed him to unpack. ice up and forward to ^{Mr} W. H. Venning. Inspector of Fisheries. St. John. N^{o}B. —

In a letter, dated St. John. 18th August 1884. I received from ^{Mr} Venning. he states! thus: —

I am constrained to doubt the genuiness of these adult, full sized shad, said to be occasionally caught in Ontario Lake! —

1st — Because I have no reliance on the intelligence or observation of fishermen, — (by experience forcing) me to place no value on them! " —

In reply" to this remark of ^{Mr} Venning. — I will only Reply. — "Oh thou of little faith" — Here is a shad 22" long. weighing 3 pounds nevertheless! —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant. —
W. H. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister of
Fisheries. —
— Ottawa! —

Hamilton, Ont.o
5. September 1884. —

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft. No: 405. for Fifteen dollars, —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: —

1. Alexander Rolco, B. Beach! For licence already received and delivered. amount, — $ 5.00 ct.

2. — Messrs Dan: McGwyne. and John Hayes, Burlington, Beach: For a Boat licence to fish 2.000. — yards of Herring Gill nets — on Stations 18 and 19, — in Lake Ontario, on Burlington Beach: and in Lake Ontario; between the Old outlet, and the Wharf, at Burlington, during this current year. — to fishing to be done on the shore until the 15th of September! — the amount is — $ 10.00 ct.

Please insert the protection clauses in this licence, and send to me at your convenience. —

I Have the Honor to be. —
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

The deputy.
Minister of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! —

Hamilton. Ont.
6. September 1884.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 409,— for Fifteen dollars,—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows:—.

1. Jonathan Corey.— Burlington Beach.—
For license already received and delivered! — the amount is.— $ 5.00 ¢.

2. George Hall, Burlington Beach—
For license already received and delivered,
the amount is,— - - - $ 5.00 ¢.

3.— Mortimer Corey.— Burlington Beach.—
For license already received and
delivered! amount is,— $ 5.00 ¢

Total. $ 15.00 ¢.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John [illegible] —
Bailiff Queen.

The deputy—
Minister of Inland Revenue.—
Ottawa! —

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
6. September 1884. —

Sir. —

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bill of Materials. I got out for Wm. George Gordon, one boy. — Mile Corners, at Denny's dam. / Sun. — you Rise. Chippewa Hill. North Bruce. —

My opinion is. to construct the Tailway, and frame it on land! then float it to its place: put over the sluice gates, let off the water: and secure it there permanently. —

I am off for Southampton. on monday morning! where on my arrival I expect to find the material for the Tail way — all got out, — as I sent Wm. Gordon. a copy. of the Bill of materials — he would require for constructing the Tailway. — as per model. —

Then is only the measurements given given — the model to start from. —

I think I have succeeded to get out a correct Bill of materials! — Sincerely. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
[illegible] —
Dy Engineer.

The deputy
Minister of Railways. —
Ottawa! —

Bill of Materials.

According to Fishway Model. Log

For Sides!-

12.. Round timbers.. 50' feet long.. 12" inches diameter.-
4p. do. do. 20' feet long.. do.-
24.. Logs 4.. feet long.- do.-
2. Planks.- 50'- feet long. 5' feet wide.- 6"- inches thick, enough width to make up 6' feet for the sides inside of sluice!.-
Note!- The Model must scale!-

The Bottom,- or Flooring!..-
50'- feet long. by 13' feet wide. by 6"- inches thick,- taking into account the spaces between! for Top, the top, will be equal to the bottom..

Upper surface, or Top frame.-
7.- Pieces.- 10' feet long. 10"x 10"- inches.-
14.. Posts.- Of various lengths, the longest is about 12' feet.-
2. Timbers,- 50' feet long.. 10"x 4" inches.-

The inside Buckets, or Gates.-
10. Pairs,- 4 0"x 10"- inches,- and about 6' feet long.-

The Covers and!-
10. feet.- 10. feet by 6"- inches thick, same as bottom pieces.- - -
The pieces beneath the bottom to be according to the depth of water in the race leaving from bottom to top: in your sluice -

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From top of big work, to the top of frame, it varies from 2' to 3' feet, sloping down from upper end, to the lower end. —

The entrance in the bottom, is 5' x 4' feet, the same big as the inside of the bodies, or Jailings.

The upper opening to be regulated, as to big, according to sketch. — —

The gate. —

The gate to be made and framed substantial in the Iron, — just in the plan, as shown in the sketch and according to the specification. —

The side pieces to be Timber, to the the round side timber, of the big work. — —

and

The end ways at the bottom, to be better — to the Banking. — —

Edward Kane —
Deputy Surveyor.

Hamilton, Canada.
5th September 1844. —

Note! Have not heard anything from deputy, about being paid for getting specimens for Com: Wilkes Exhibition — 3 Wk. Nov. 30.

they dont appear to have paid Linnean yard to Curator Jos: Allen, — I believe all the Birds — from Greenock, and this Gull during the above season: last Nov. & Dec 1838. — Curator Allen is a friend of mine, & trusted one, I propose to get the receipts, and the testimony you refer to, —

It is about time for this Curator Joseph Allen, who is a Lunacy! —

I am, — Your obedient Servant,

John Wilkes
Bishop Auxiliary

Hamilton Cott.
6. Sept: 1838. =

P.S. Will be at Southampton, this thursday night, and shall, if [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.
8th Sept. 1884..

Myf dear Sir, —

Yours of 3rd inst. he received, you say, you have been applied to, for a license for a Fish net to be used in Lake Erie, from Long Point to a place up the Port Dalhousie. R. C. —

Thank asking for my advice in the case. My simple advice to you is, write to the applicant and tell him you have received his application and submitted the same to the deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa, for his consideration. —

You must send a copy of the application, and send the same to the deputy Minister of Fisheries, telling him particulars as you have told me, and end your letter by stating that you have sent for his information. —

If I you will see the name of the applicant perhaps some Yankee speculator I might be able to advise you differently. — But do as I tell you, because the application includes your different Fishery Offices divisions. — You have no power to recommend except for you as your division is concerned. — I know you will take this advice in the same good honest way I impart it to you. —

Now as regard the letter you received from Inspector McMichael Rondeau, for I got from him a similar letter, I am only able to tell you that I received from him a similar letter, and I may here tell you that at this season of the year, you may inform your friend, it is impossible at this late season of the year, for to get 2 Vessels of Tels. Earlier in the season I can have the application complied with; earlier next year, and for no more would I do so,

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more cheerfully - than for your friends! whom I have known personally for many years - a sterling man - a sound Conservative, and a Countryman of my own, and for whom I entertain a warm regard and esteem! and you in reply may please tell Mr. McMichael so! —

The cost, it is impossible for me to tell! —

Thanks for your kind enquiries after myself. - I was not much hurt except in the papers! - Two styles - of my Buggies broke in which I was riding within 3 days. —

The last upset I was sent flying out, and flop on to the road, a ploughed out, and right forearm and elbow bruised, else was all, except that it upset the Spirit of a prescription. I was shook, thought I would vomit - but did not - my warm thanks for your Kind sympathy. — I never felt my unpleasantness from my bruises, except that I was all besmeared over with mud, and I was wet to the skin and dirty. —

My clothes, when I changed them had to be all washed! —

I am exceedingly sorry, for to hear of your illness! glad to learn that you are after a months letter, your health is a great blessing. - pray you live long, and enjoy this great blessing for all time to come! —

I am Kept very busy on Lake Huron; just at present, and leave here this day, for Southampton. — I have been Kept very busy - at Long point, Lake Erie, Georgian Bay, and Lake Huron, since I saw you last. —

And with my Kind warm regards, —

Believe me faithfully, —

Yours most truly. —

W. A. McMichael Esq.
Sidney Cameron.
Dundas, Ont.

J. McMillan
Sidney Cameron

Hamilton, Ont^{o},
8. September 1864.-

Sir dear Morse! —

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst. and in reply to your question! — Is it right or legal for Mr. Hicks to set gill nets near my ground net. — I have paid a heavy license for the privilege to get the Pound net; and if he Mr. Hicks wants to set gill nets, — there is plenty of room in the Lake without annoyance to me! hoping you will advise me in the matter at once. ??

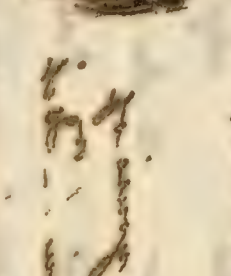
If Mr. Hicks is fishing within your licensed limits, without your permission you can forthwith seize and remove any net so used in trespass, — to be afterwards dealt with according to law! — please hand Section 13. of the Fisheries Act, page 8. — I send you the Title of Act. — Do you — Pound stake in same place! — Hicks setting between Humber Bridge and Oakdale pumping House! if so, he is trespassing! — please answer at once! —

I received a letter from Conover Hallowell, dated 15. August, and in reply I answered him thus! —

"As regards Mr. Morse being allowed for to take up his ground net, and move it to another place there is nothing to prevent him doing so, within the limits named in his license, in as much as it does not say where it is! — why, by all means allow him to remove it, to any place where it will pay. — It would be useless to put better out of the water altogether now, than in it! — General fishermen, lift the Grounds in August, — repair and tar them over, and set them again about the latter end of September; when the water being stirred up by wind, the fish move around, and are then caught in the Pound. — Let him remove it, he pays $40. license fee, for 1864. —

According to Department Orders, — the note — except the same position. Let him

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hauling grounds do!- by law, give note cannot be set within 2 miles of a live hauling ground! and we are to suppose it would equally affect, as regards seines! where a Road not, is more immediately concerned.- Except by permission from the occupant for the time being no person shall trespass, within any licensed limits, see section 18. of the Fisheries act,—

If Hicks and Moses agree among themselves to fish seines - each,- between Colchester, and the Pinnies! well and good under license, so much the better.— I would not advise an application being made by you, for such a privilege at this late season of the year of our Lord 1884, considering the difficulties already encountered about these limits you now again refer to; for Heaven sake say no more about them for the remainder of this year.- the Minister never will be embarrassed the department at Ottawa.- You must never be displeased with me for giving some advice.—

The gauging is equally my concern.- but the Hellimells questions! be so kind as to answer please! You can now see where the Shore sits.-

If your Counsel is this where I saw it, and the Hicks sets his fish nets within your limited limits- the Law is very plain on the subject.-

I am off this morning by 9. a.m. Train for Southampton on Lake Huron,- & the nearest line, and until I return, write and answer me, the questions I have asked!!-

I am glad to know you have continued to attend some Meeting, it is about time! may you still be successful.—

I thank you warmly, and cordially, for your kind enquiries after my health & that of my family! we are all well, and may God prosper on you - similar blessings.

and with my warm regards - and best prayers to you and the Boys.- Believe me as ever Your loving friend!—

[illegible]

Private.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
13th September 1884.

Memorandum for S. O. Bancroft Esqre
Commissioner of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—

I have just arrived home from Southampton; and I have procured two receipts for money paid to Overseer James Muir, amounting to $15.00, not included nor returned in lists.— you sent for years 1881. 1882, and 1883.—

Mrs McAuley.— paid for Lewis licenses for year 1882. $10.00 and for year 1883. $10.00. These amounts are not in the returns you sent me, and as paid by Overseer James Muir.—

I have got Mrs McAuley.— affidavit sworn to, before a magistrate.—

And I am expecting more receipts daily.— at the present time. I have been told there are about 16. Boats fishing at Johnsons Harbour, Big Island, Beaumaris Island, Stoney Island, Bradisse Bay.— Golden Valley, and Macdonalds Island!— all in Lake Huron! and in Overseer James Muir's division!—

Shall I go there or not, and collect licence fees,— or leave it for new man.—

A complaint has been lodged against Saw mill owners, at Wiarton,— by John S. Allan. found not fishermen! this is in Overseer George S. Mitchells division! what shall I do!—

McLeans. Mill and lumber! was all burned on last thursday night.—

His loss is estimated at $40.000,—

Insured for only $10.000,— He is the person Overseer James Muir, had fined $20,— and $2. costs: a short time ago!

I suppose you will now release the

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ing to remain in abeyance! — The McLeans are hanged! — Mike was on the table! —

I had Peter Macdonald, Southampton, fined $5,— on yesterday — for permitting fish offals to enter the Saugeen River — mixed with small quantities of lime! — thus polluting the waters of said stream. — —

He is a poor man, begged hard to be let off, and he would never offend again! I told him the law must take its course! however, I would recommend case for Ministers decision! —

Saw mills — are all in the same position, all near Counties Wilcox and Carrick — Muir — decision! — no attention whatever paid to the saw mills — by them! —

I saw Coroner James Muir, as you directed me; he is to all appearance, a smart active, intelligent man; but he devotes more of his abilities to the Fisheries, — than anything has gone all wrong. —

The informer can be allowed $5. from Malcolm McInnes. $5. from Malcolm McKenzie. and $5. from George McAulay. — that who fished at Tobermory, — last year; and to paid the money to departure. —

I find the name of Murdock MacKenzie, on your list for year 1880 — $5. —

But McInnes, and George McAulay, — for $5. each for 1883, — are not on list for $5. each! a regular system of espionage! —

John and Dan: McAulay, — fished at Tobermory — last year. but he told me he collected no money from them! do you may wish see for yourself how matters stand! —

Sam: Eplan — fisherman, Kincardine paid $5. license fee. to Coroner, James Muir, — for 1883, — and this sum is not credited to John Eplan; for whom it was paid! —

Coroner Muir — seems to be rather the Patron — and merely as bad as Inspectors.

I am Obediently yours

Hamilton, Ont. H. Wilkes — Esq.

18. September 1884

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
17. September 1884.—

Sir.—

With reference to Mr Burnets,— pencil note, re-
port herewith, thus:— "The shortest way is for you
to send this out on the spot your Overseer Muir?"—
I do compliance with Mr Burnets,— directions! I had
an interview with Overseer James Muir, on thursday
evening the 11th September, 1884, at Southampton!
Mr Muir, informed me that he collected $5. from
Malcolm Mc Dougall, he collected $5. from Malcolm
Mc Kenzie, and he collected $5.— from George
Mc Auley,— of Southampton, fishermen; for licenses
fees, for year 1883.— and that he paid the same 15th
into the Fisheries department, Ottawa!.—

I have carefully examined the list of Fishermen, you
sent me; who have paid licence fees for year 1883,—
and I find the amount remitted on account, by
Overseer James Muir, was $175,— and the only
fishermen of the above three; marked on said list
for year 1883,— is Malcolm Mc Kenzie. $5.— for Cent Li-
cence fee paid by him.—

Thus! you will please observe, there is $10,— ac-
cording to Overseer James Muirs admission; this to be
accounted for by him.— Overseer James Muir, in-
formed me at the same time, that he did not collect
$5. Cent licence fee, from Dan: Mc Auley,— nor $5. Cent
licence fee, from John Mc Auley, of Southampton fish-
ermen; for year 1883.— "This is passing strange on Overseer
James Muirs part".—

The four fishermen named in my report of 3rd
September, instant,— are fishing again this year at Ch.
Lonsdale,— I was told so on 10th instant, by Mr James Cook,
of Chiches, who buys their fish.— George, Dan, & John
Mc Auley,— herein named are the sons of Mrs Margaret M^{c}
Auley, alias Mc Lean,— of Southampton.— I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,
John White,—
Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister of
Fisheries,— Ottawa! 3

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
17th September 1884.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to report, that during my investigation into certain matters in connection with Canadian Fisheries division — Port Eugenie — on Lake Huron! North Riding of Bruce! —

In enquiries made by me, I found that Mrs Margaret McLellan, of Southampton, the Licensee of White fish Island, on Lake Huron, — paid license fee $10.— to Coureur James Muir, for year 1883.—

I asked Mrs McLellan, if she would be pleased to show me her license for 1883. — or even a receipt, but she had got neither to produce. —

Mrs Margaret McLellan, also informed me, that she fished on White fish Island, during the fall of the year 1883, — caught and put up 100. packages of Herring, and sold the same for $2. per Package! equal in amount to, $ 1800 dollars.—

But she told me, she paid Coureur James Muir $10.— license fee, for year 1883, — But she had neither license nor receipt to produce. ——

However! she verifies the matter by Affidavit made before J. F. Conway, — A commissioner, and which I herewith submit for your decision. —

I have to report for your information! that I have received the lists you sent me of Licenses! Licenses paid in to the Fisheries department, Ottawa, for years, — 1883. and 1884, — by Coureur James Muir; but I do not find the name of Mrs Margaret McLellan, thereon. — Coureur James Muir, I recommend be called on to pay in this $ 20. forthwith. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant, —
John W Kerr — —
Fishery Coureur.

The deputy Minister
of Fisheries, —
Ottawa! —

Hamilton, Ont.o
17th September 1884.—

Sir,—

I have the honor to send you herewith a receipt for Fish rolls,— received from Elijah Williams! payment for fishing ground No: 9.— Lake Ranck,— for season 1883.—

This receipt is extra Ont Dept Nov: 12.. 1883. and is signed!— James Muir.—

Fishery Overseer.—

Will you please put on face of receipt, written! the following memorandum thus! —

"License to be sent in the beginning of season 1883."

I have to report that I received this receipt from Henry Berry.— fisherman on the Lake Ranck,— Lake Simcoe!— on the 7th instant,— the Berry, bought out Williams,— and paid the $5. to Overseer James Muir.—

I have to report, that I dont find the name of Elijah Williams,— on your list of the year 1884,— for the $5. paid Overseer James Muir.— for fishing ground No: 9.— Berry should fishing there this fall.— — Overseer James Muir, should pay the $5. to the Fisheries department,— forthwith....

I have the honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,—
John Watson.—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!

Hamilton, Ont.
17. September 1884.—

Sir—

I have the honor to send you a receipt dated Port Hope, October 28th 1881,—for the sum of "Ten dollars."— Being license fee for fishing ground on Lake Ontario, for 1881,—

The receipt is signed James Allen.—

Deputy Minister
Inland Revenue
Ottawa.

I have to report for your information, that on opening your list for the year 1884,—I found that $5. marked as paid by Henry Fife!— whereas, per receipt he paid Queen James Allen, $10.— for year 1881.—

The Hon. H. Fife,— Leaves me the receipt for your information!— & the 9th instant.—

I have written my name on the receipt and the date I received it.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,—
W. H. Kerr.—
Deputy Collector.

Deputy Minister of Customs,— Ottawa!

Hamilton, Ont.
17. September 1884.-

Sir, -

Complaint being made to me, that Peter Macdonald of Southampton, has polluted the waters of the Saugeen River, at the village of Southampton, with fish offals, viz. K.-.- I proceeded on last Friday morning, the 12th instant, to the place complained of, I carefully examined and inspected the premises closely - Macdonald was present all the time. -

For some years past, Mr. Peter Macdonald, who is an aged poor man, has been in the habit of getting fish guts, - spoiled fish, K. from the Boat fishermen of Southampton, - when arrived in Port, after fishing up.. The fish guts, - K. and spoiled unmarketable fish being in barrels.

Peter took the barrels in his Boat, to a small shanty, he had built over the water in the Saugeen River, in front of his property, a plank, with one end on shore, the other end on the platform of the shanty connects - the shanty, over the mouth of the River with such other! - In this shanty, there is a Boiler, placed in position; with fire burning under it, on to which, he puts fish guts, - K. and there he boils them down in the Boil while he sells, - shipping it sometimes to Toronto. -

It appears now, that after he exhausted the oil, he was in the habit of dumping the debris of the Fish guts - from the Boiler in to the Saugeen River, fouling and polluting the water. -

The deputy Minister
of Fisheries -
Ottawa. E. A.

A man who is the habit of throwing in large quantities of salmon Trout eggs, at the mouth of Queen Jane's Pond, the last fishing season; under the impression that these impregnated eggs would hatch out and become living fry. — I saw the Trout eggs thus myself on the bottom of the stream on the lower part of the shanty. — —

Peter was in the habit of placing his — the floor of his Old shanty, — so as to keep the back waste of the fish off the K. fire opening, and annoying the inhabitants of Southampton. — —

I visited the place and I found everything, as I now describe it, and report to you. —

I found him myself in a vessel in the Old shanty, and it was on enquiry I made, I found out that / the use it was applied to. —

I saw fragments of the box on the bottom of the River, when the water from the Basin, had been emptied at the Lower Dam. —

On the foregoing I beg to report on the facts in this case /.

I may add, when I made my appearance at the Court, when I was, and my Counsel thought the prisoner had to be let off this time, as he would never offend against the law again. —

The Magistrate Lyon J. P. Henry Lyon J. P. Southampton, the prisoner guilty, — was not fined without costs, — he appeared without the aid of a Counsel. —

Mr. Shanks, is — upon from, — was not able to pay the fine of £ — I will most respectfully recommend that you remit this fine

the same in always as a guarantee for future good behaviour. —

The Gil shall is built out over the water of the Lagan River — in that having a low floor just quite and has not any opportunity of escaping save into the water of the Lagan River at Southampton. — Barnes' Peter was sentenced, and in the habit of throwing the prohibited stuff out his prison road in to the Lagan River, not knowing as I believe, that he was breaking the Law acting in just strict ignorance of the Law. —

I explained to Peter Macdonald the Law in this case for his future guidance. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant —
John Wilkes —
Acting Engineer

Rivers. —

Sir, — I have the honor to report for the information of the Department that I have made a thorough examination of the Lagan River from Belfast to Lough Neagh, and find that the channel is in a very satisfactory condition for navigation. — The depth of water is from 7 to 9 feet, and the channel is well buoyed. — The bridges across the river are all sufficiently high to allow the passage of vessels of the largest class navigating the river. — The channel is also free from obstructions, and the current is not strong enough to interfere with the navigation. — The Lagan River is navigable for vessels drawing 7 feet as far as Lisburn, a distance of 7 miles from Belfast. — The Lagan Canal is navigable for vessels drawing 7 feet from Belfast to Stranmillis, a distance of 4 miles, and for vessels drawing 4 feet from Stranmillis to Lisburn, a distance of 3 miles

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

17. September 1884.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to report, that on the 10th instant, I visited the saw Mill and premises of Mr^{r} James Macfarlane of Dunblaine, situated on a small stream formerly a good sparkling trout stream?— I heard there is some trout in it still!.

Mr^{r} Macfarlane, whom I found at home told me he sawed about 100.000 feet of lumber last spring and when the water got high in the creek, he put all the saw dust in the creek and it was carried away!— he done so because his neighbours,— Saw Mills Owners in Parry,— permit saw dust from their Saw mills. for to enter the waters of the Seguin River.—

The Mill is not working at present.— Mr^{r} Cameron, James Mill. But Seguin did not visit the Mill last spring when the 100.000. feet of lumber, was being cut there.—

I may add my attention was called to this saw mill, by the M^{r} P^{r}— Member of Commons, for North Simcoe.— "Duncan Macfarlane?"—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,—

D. Hellyer.—

Parry Sound.

The Deputy Minister of Fisheries,— Ottawa!

O.S.— The mill is situated on the Rivulet from Dunblaine, and empties into the Seguin River.

Hamilton. Ont.o
17. September 1884.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to report and bring under your notice gross irregularities and contraventions of the Fisheries act, that has happened in Canseau James Muirs division.— Port Elgin / North Bruce / and which has come to my Knowledge and has been brought under my personal observation during the enquiry I am at present engaged in making, as per your Order and instructions to me dated 19th of August 1884.... Three of the keys

I beg your attention to the enclosed papers of mine /.— Three keys, sheets to my statement

No 1.. Affidavit of Duncan McLellan.— affidavit.—
" 2.. Elijah Williams,— Receipt.—
" 3.. W. St Giles,— do.—
" 4.. Report of Jas Ingram on Peter Macdonald.—
" 5.— A continued report on my former report of 3rd September. herewith.—
" 6.— James Macfarlane. Esq ill at Dunbarton /.—

I have the honor to be
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer

The deputy Minister
of Fisheries.—
Ottawa /.—

Hamilton Ont.
18. September 1884...

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 448. for the sum of Fifteen dollars,—

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for the current season of 1884. as follows:—

1. John Hammett. Queenston: For Licence to fish Nets in Niagara River at Queenston Heights. received and delivered! on ag't ... $ 10.00 ct.

2. Mrs Jane Ellis.- Niagara: For a Boat Licence to fish 1.400. yards of 3" mel. extension measure Herring Gill nets,—in Lake Ontario, between the Old Fort, Niagara, and the big creek, same being in the Town, and Township of Niagara! amount herewith is.— $ 5.00 ct.

Total. $ 15.00 ct.

Will you be pleased to insert the protection Clauses in Mrs Jane Ellis- Licence, and send me same for delivery at your convenience.—

I Have the Honor to be.—

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servt.—

[illegible]

Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister of Fisheries,—

Ottawa...

Hamilton Lab.
18. Sept. 1880.

My dear Sir.—

Yours of the 18th inst. received & read with much interest. I have received copies of 2 reports made by your father and I received from him a very kind and to me a very instructive letter besides. He writes splendid, and with force and intelligence & convincing the reader.—

I have not received a copy of Inspector Regan's report on the first batch I sent you of the degenerate stunted shad.—

I am sure it will have puzzled your father when he receives the degenerate shad.—

I have heard of a few fish of this age, being caught accidentally but the specimen I sent you, were the first that I ever saw.—

Your father in his letter to me, seemed to think we have no shad of such a large size in Lake Erie, and that it appeared to him to be only a fish chief.—

I hope he will receive it in good condition, and I feel grateful to you, for preserving it in alcohol. I am sure your father will be surprised, after opening his bottle, on receiving it...

What has become of him? Will he ever have you hear him, since his return from the great Metropolis of the world!. Except, he undertook to send me a copy of his book.—

Do I think it was, who appeared

Livery. Chas!— Tell that man Murray would write a book!! He is not got the Humbug— Romance!!!—

I dont suppose he will attempt to get up specimen of Jack— for the Exhibition of 1886— if you write from me, would Kick him off, if he attempt it. — — —

A more popular man should be appointed for 1886— but when we see you in Jan with a wife!—

While you remain and let me know if a Horse or glass case, of stuffed Bears— obtained the Gold medal. — —

I got him the Bear,— he wrote me just before he started for London, he have put them up in a glass case,— and labelled them. Kind Gift— and I have seen him. have a single word more about the Bear!—

I have an account for £62.15.4.— and the I sent in to the deputy minister of finance, the account on 6th of July last— but the

not have me one from the start it since. —

I think it would be a good thing for to publish your father report on the sheep, he is so simple and sublime, and such a subject. like a man: who Knew all about what he was speaking of.—

I was up until 4. a.m.— preparing his report. on the diseases of Cattle, Sheep, of Pot Hogs,— Like Brown, he is a most intelligent man,— it is a pity, he was not more attentive to his duties as Farmer,— I sent the reports to the Minister,— for the deputy minister.— I am very much obliged to you, for writing to me: and for your Kind offer to give me copies of your father reports for I like to read the home work of your intelligent sire. —

Dear Holmes me, Yours Sincerely
A. St. Gaudry Esq.
Chief Dominion Exhibition
Ottawa!— Z

[illegible] Sept 1854.

[illegible] 12.) received. I am [illegible] to hear we you have got the [illegible] going at your age of 10 yr — pair! How many [illegible] are it for 10 yr. I can't believe [illegible] — [illegible] — change! Many would [illegible] 12½ yr. — pair. —

Now I must be my [illegible] to you [illegible] — Jol 8. 11th! —

[illegible] you say some 2 or 3 months ago in the presence of [illegible] and [illegible] pair — Jolene! the filling of Harmony — when I was expected up there! that you could make it convenient for [illegible]! by the practice of [illegible] little; but since it is [illegible]: and that excuse will [illegible]! This was like me know of to you was the expression by [illegible], in Hamilton, — and on last

1.

[illegible] by D. D. Bates, at Southampton! — You are the only one, perhaps in hospitality, that I am heard of that owned it Benevent. — However I don't believe it will [illegible] you! —

I met your Jessie, [illegible] Dr. Bates, at Southampton. Last meeting week, why he is a perfect Prince! — I also had a visit from [illegible] James Clark, of Hamilton, why he is a splendid man fellow! — for my part, I am [illegible] to do all the good I can for the Children of Jesus Christ, and Lake Huron, when the department at Ottawa sent my list amongst them: it is for such a worthy purpose I am not charge, and it is not necessary for the [illegible] little! — I don't regret myself, in time of [illegible].

2.

[illegible]

[illegible] Chicago, —

[illegible] !—

I [illegible] your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Copy...

Grove Road...
17th September 1814...

Mr Hen -
Tithing Corner. 3

Dear Sir -

I am requested by Mrs Thos Perkins, Tyler Street, to forward my receipt for Rent due Mich: 9. Tyler Street, for which you will please give the exact receipt, for £1.-.- and £1.-.-

I regret to give extra trouble, to Sir for £2.- but cannot sign receipt, but I thought it would be all right. -

I am, Dear Sir -
Your Obedt Servt. -
Signed - Henry Green. -

Hamilton, Ont.
19. September 1884.

Sir,

I have to report that on the 28th August last I sent to Wm. L.C. Smart the following memorandum for your information: thus:—

"From enquiries made I was told that Henry Green, who occupied station No: 8, Lake Road, should be on the list you sent me for year 1883, as he paid his license fee for that year, to Overseer James Muir."

In connection with this matter, I have now to report that I was on "Lake Road" on the 9th inst. and upon enquiries I then made, I found out from Wm. W. St. Lee, that Henry Green, held a receipt for money paid to Overseer James Muir, for Lime landing ground, No: 8, Lake Road for year 1883, I got Mr. Thomas Parkinson to write him, to forward the receipt to me for year 1883, and while he complied with as per letter, and receipt to him for fine dollars, paid by him, "To license fee for Lime ground No: 8, Lake Road for season 1883." I attach the letter and receipt for £5.

And I have to report that I don't find this amount is returned in your list of licenses paid to the department, for year 1883,

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Bailiff Queen's

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries,
Ottawa!

I have in daily expectation of receiving the Lobster Reports from Nos: 1 to 8 inclusive.

Sheriff. — ! — Confidential. —

Sheriff's Office.
Lake. —
20. September 1884. —

I have to report that the fishermen named below, are at present fishing boats, with gill nets, in Lake Huron, at the places herein named, and without a license or other authority. — —

The same being in Contravention of the provisions of the Fisheries Act! Chapter! Statutes. — The Inspector is Mr. Samuel Wylie, of Kincardine, Gentleman! and he is the only man amongst them: who has paid a license for current year (1884.) — Mr. Wylie has requested me not to compromise him in the matter, under any circumstances! whatever!!! —

Will you be please to govern yourself accordingly. — —

1. Samuel Wylie — Gentleman — 1 Boat fishing from Inspector to Commissioners Limits this 20th September 1884. — you and me! — Capt.!!!.
2. Alexander Sharp, — Fisherman, — 1 Boat
3. Captain Rowe, — Lumberman. — 1 Boat. —
4. Denis Mullen, Fisherman, — 1 Boat. —
5. Colin Graham, do. do. — 1 Boat. —
6. Mr. Doe. — do. do. 1 Boat. —
7. Samuel Hawking. — Sailing — Like Boats about 30 way between Kincardine, and Goderich. — — 1 Boat. —
Contemplated Island! —
8. Hank Gamble, — 1 Boat, — no Licence.
9. Joseph Gamble. — 1 Boat. — — —

10. Hugh Mackay
Fisherman, —
Oliphant! £ 1.

10. William Huggins. - Can Cook on Lines.
11. Joseph Long. - do. - do. -
12. Thos Reid, - do. - do.
13. Wm Cullen, - Foreman Gallery, - 1. Cook. -
14. Kenneth Mackenzie, - do. - 1. do. -
15. Levi Livesay - Prisoner Labour, 2. Cooks
16. Allan Murray, - do. - do. - 2. do. -
17. Joseph Lockette - do. - do. - 1. do. -
18. Jack Ryder, Steward Hudson. - 1. Cook. -

I am not aware to what persons, Gibb. in my 21. Cooks, are living on Lines now without authority; not one to my knowledge, so far as this - for the privilege they are now at present enjoying. -

I would respectfully ask for your further instructions in the premises. -

My Lines Cook, Gibson and Gibb. have, of which, I have to Lockington, to do so! on Thursday the 11th inst, and to proceed to take me in his Cg. and to change nothing! my plans I have a mind to go! and to assist me in my pursuits in my to pursue my duty for the department at Ottawa. -

I have also to report that I have on Lines the Kidder Contract for, various the Gibsons, any one of them; I have none in contact with. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir -
Your Obedient Servant -
[illegible]
Deputy Engr.

3.

Private. —

[illegible] Esqr.
[illegible] September 1819.

Dear [illegible]

I am [illegible] your kind letter of the [illegible] ult. which I received at Lexington from [illegible] on my return from Virginia. I am sorry to find that you have been so much indisposed, but hope that before this reaches you you will be entirely recovered.

I have not yet received any letter from Mr. Jefferson on the subject of the Virginia College, but I have no doubt that I shall receive one in a few days. I am sorry to find that the Visitors have been so much divided in opinion on the subject of the Site, but I am in hopes that the difference will not be permanent.

I have not yet had time to read the Pamphlet you were so kind as to send me, but I have no doubt that it contains much valuable information.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Hamilton Ont.
20 October 1864.

Sir.

I have to report that on receiving your letter of the 10th instant, Wm James Clark, Bonus Act. fish. was fish curer, Clinton on Georgian Bay.— was sent to Southampton for to see me respecting his Bounty not having yet received 1864.

It appears he paid Bounty on Barrels of Fish cured Salt to amount Bounty $200, for to fish 5 pounds, in Manitoulin Bay, Lake Huron, and another in Thomas Bay.—

He has been fishing these four Years, this season and he wanted to get the 5th pound and fish it after for the balance of this season. I advised Wm James Clark, to write Mr Bowman, to send his Bounty to the respondent Ottawa, get up his Bounty and send it to him.—

But in the mean time, I advised James Clark, to prepare his 5th pound not for fishing, only the fish, and not cure fish.— Let I receive approval from you!—

I hope you will approve of what I have said and done in this case to obey directions.—

I have the Honor to be.—

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant.—

J. D. Wilkinson.—

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister of Fisheries.—

Ottawa!—

Cost of material required for Fishway.— to be con=
structed in the Mill Race, Saugeen River, Southampton,
at Jordens first Mill:— Chippawa Mill, Post Office:—
North Riding of Bruce.—

The Length of Fishway.— It. . . . Is to be
40 feet long.— 6 feet high, and 6 feet wide.—

There will be no necessity for the brick work.—
18. Mill sills,— 8 feet long. 8 feet apart,— and 144 feet
of uprights, at 10ct. per foot, making in the whole, amount=
ing to about,— $ 14.40 ct.

24. Cedar posts, average 6 feet one foot di=
ameter, 144 feet, at 10ct. per foot.— " 14.40 ct.

2. Stringers, 50 feet long each,= 100 feet long.—
one foot square, at 10ct. per foot.— " 10.00 ct.

17. Cross pieces.— by 2 = 34. pieces, 8 feet long,—
of Cedar, = 272 feet, at 10ct. per foot,— " 27.20 ct.

34. posts, for sides of Cedar, 10 feet long,
at 10ct. per foot.— " 34.00 ct.

$ 100.00 ct.

The Bottom of Fishway,—

Plank.— 4" inches thick, 60 feet long, 8 feet
wide,= 480. feet, Hardwood,= 1.920 feet.—
say about 2.000. feet, at $ 13,— per 1000. ft. $ 26.00 ct.

The sides of Fishway,—

48. feet, by 2,— = 96 feet long. 3" inch plank,—
960. = 2.880 feet. Hemlock, at $. per 1,000,— ....26.00 ct.

Upper end of Fishway.— ....10.00 ct.
Lower end of fishway,— bolted and braced. ....30.00 ct.

Carried Over.— $ 192.00 ct.

Carried forward .. £ 192.00.-

Iron, Spikes. &c.

10" inch spikes per bottom of Fishway, - 60 per lineal yard. 6' feet wide: 240 spikes, - say ¾ cwt. lineal iron, = 480 pounds, at 3½. per pound, - 17.00 £

Spikes, - for sides of Fishway. -

6" inches long. ¾ inch iron, say: ..20.00 £

The Buckets, and Bucks, about to order

Oak iron: -

Iron ⅜ inch thick, weigh 9 lbs. per square foot: -

9. Bucks, - 6'.0" x 4'.0" x ⅜" = 216. feet square, 9 lbs. per foot.

.. 674 lbs. at 3£ per pound. = 20.22.-

9. Bucks. turning ends, - 50. each. = 4.50.-

Freight. 3.00.- ..30.72 £ 175.

Cost! Workmanship and Labour, &c. 120.00

Total. £ 379.12 £

An approximate estimate. -

Dominion Fishery Engineer -

Hamilton, Ont.

22. September 1884.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

23rd September 1884.—

Sir.—

In submitting to you, an approximate Estimate, in the Langrow Mine, Southampton!—of the Fishway!—

I have to report, that Messrs Gordon and Dewey,—assert, that the loss caused by the dam giving way, they attribute to the faulty, careless way of construction and erection of the Fishway on the dam in the first place by Coursen, James Muir.— The recent repairs to the dam, and apron of the dam; now about completed in material of all kinds including workmanship, teaming and labour, is about $1,475.—and Mr Gordon, considers the Fisheries department—should pay at least $390.—of that amount.

In answer to this, I told him I had nothing to say; beyond! that I considered such a charge as preposterous, besides they say; the last Fishway cost $150,—all of which Mr Dewey,—paid himself; when as they assert by a little exertion on the part of Coursen, James Muir, $75. at least of that amount might have been allowed him, by the department.———

Situated as Mrs Craig—is at present, families I may say;—she is not in a position to incur the expense of building this New Fishway;—Her husband having died, just recently, leaving her alone in the world.—

Mr George Gordon, the owner, and proprietor of the Grist mill,—having paid last spring $1.000,—on his property, and a proportion of the $.1,475.—now! cost and expenditure or outlay on the Dam! he has no more money, for further expenditure, this year, to lay out on a New Fishway.—. This being the conclusion arrived at, I hasten not in submitting and laying the facts before you.—

There is no doubt now in my mind, but that Mr George Gordon, the Miller! and Mr Langstaff,—James Carpenter; who recently repaired the dam! are employed in

The deputy Minister
of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!—

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way way,- to contest this Fishway?— but you may arrive at the conclusion that the whole cost of construction, may be asked for! and the Govt. evidence that in consequence of blunders committed by Overseer James stating such appears of construction now! should be borne by the Fisheries department. —

Like many other things! that Overseer James Munro has been doing, undoing; and neglecting to do, in his capacity as Overseer!— in no instance is he more remiss in his duty! than in his connection with the late Fishway, on Dennys dam. — The late Overseer James Munro, occasionally,— Once in a while, paid a 'visit' the late fishway, he would have seen was undermining the dam! and he could provide a remedy! however! he done nothing of the kind, to counteract it. — All my previous reports to date, are before you; so I need say no more about the Overseer James Munro's neglect of duty. K. K. P.

In conclusion, I may here refer you to a precedent, in regard to the construction of a Fishway,— where all the cost was borne by the Fisheries department. —

When the L. D. Woodruff, of St Andrews, was Engineer, of the Western Extension,— he had a Fishway, built on the dam at Dennysville, on the Grand River, and the Fisheries department paid for same. —

I await your further Orders. —

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

H. W. Hunt —

Fishery Engineer.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
22nd September 1884.-

Sir.-

I Have to report that there are a number of ~~little trouble~~ ~~Lies~~! in connection with the ~~case~~ in which Coroner James Muir, has been doing his duty, in regard to the annual payment of fishery License Fees! which I may remark to you, is unfair, to our hardy, industrious class of the poor fisherman, resident and fishing within the limits of Port Elgin division, in Lake Huron.-

During my inquiries, I found that License Fee-paid only in the year, each year by some fishermen, was not sent in to the department by Coroner James Muir, as the law requires it, but was kept back by him until the latter end of the year!.- "I said yes!!!"

As this fact, to a class of industrious hard working, good citizens; who risk their lives, and means to provide fish for the community; and the people of the community!. You are the Judge!!.-

Sir:-

In the year 1884.- On your list you sent me, the name of George McAulay, and Malcolm McLean, these are the two fishermen; who! with Malcolm MacKenzie fished at Tobermory, during the year 1883,- and who Coroner James Muir, told me, he had collected, $10. and paid in to the department,- why! I may simply say now! he has lied to me; for this $10,- for boat License Fee, was not paid, up to 12th August last.

On your list, you sent me for year 1884, 3 fishermens names and amounts $5,- to each! when they properly belong to the year 1883,-

Coroner James Muir, should be called on to explain, because there may be many other sums, License Fees, placed in a similar position, and which can never be discovered, except by my seeing and enquiring personally from each fisherman, which I am prepared to do

Deputy Minister
of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.- S. A.

to buy it for ... me... Then are the Gange
Affairs. Buy Gange. who is in Southampton. has not
paid Rent for 1884.- Black Lake Gange- failing at
Tolmoney - who has paid Crown Gen: Collector of
Crown Lands, for year 1884. I wish to make myself
explicit to you!!. —

Re - opened: 1. Malcolm MacKenzie, - 2, Gange McAuley,
(Black Gange) 3. John McAuley, - 4. Dan: McAuley. 5. Malcolm
McAuley paid Crown Rent, to Crown Gen: Collector
for year 1884, about a month ago; at Tolmoney - the
Gange McAuley, and Malcolm McAuley, names on your list
for year 1884, have not paid their Crown Rent for year 1884
but you see that this book title showing - the fact of
Crown Rents paid: - please ask Mr Black to send for
Gange McAuley, and Crown Rent for year 1884 - for 85, and
Malcolm McAuley, Crown Rent Crown for year 1884 - for
as I am already reported to you, that informed me,
they have paid him!. - Mr Gilmour when Surveying
roads in Southampton. —

Now then! -

I find from a statement taken by me, from Mrs
Malcolm Cole, wife of William Cole, No: 1, - fishing station,
Cable Beach, that her Husband, self, and family, came on
the beach in the year 1880, - I also find that Gange
and David Kennedy, - Crown Rent being paid up in full, was
done with the Auction of Crown Lands Office, who drew
up the papers, between them! Crown Rent, for year 1880, -
was $10, - what has become of this $10, - I cant tell; will
you please examine into it. — Examine Office Books" -

I cant find the name of William Cole on Mr Kennedy
or your list you sent me for year 1881, - for any amount,
Mrs Cole, cant say; whether she paid $10, or not for
the year 1881, to Crown Lands Office, to the best of
mine paid to Mr Black, and that she lost the receipt. -

3.

The year 1862, was year 1863,— on the 16th January 1863,— [illegible] the Native Lady, Grace Jones plaintiff of $10,— [illegible] being in advance, for year 1863,— He as Grace for me to ask, when did you receive this $10, advance?— Said woman yes it came this, that it was only paid into department, on 31st December 1862,—

I give by Lieu for year 1863,— another paid on back of Lieu, that $10,— for year 1862, was paid on 16th of January 1863,— Lieu is not assigned by Grace Jones plaint, a receipt, dated Sable Beach, Nov: 9th 1862, is also sent you herewith for same amount,— it is for parent according to your list for year 1862,— that the department only received one Lieu for, for $10,— please step this! it is exactly important. — —

The Lieu for year 1863,— according to Lieu was only paid on 31st December 1863,— which plaint Native Lady, Undertaken made and signed before me, states she paid the money in advance, on 16th January 1863,— two days before.— Leading my mind, on the part of Grace plaint, they both may she last my of year,— please step Lieu for reading this year all at once. —

Here it is again! —

According to receipt book, for Grace Jones this year by Lieu, to Mrs M. Lake, and dated Victoria, Feb, 5th 1864,— she paid Lieu $10,— being for payment of Lieu, my Lieu for being year 1863,— Sable Beach for year 1864.— I may say Lieu, that up to the 15th of August last, and I am safe in saying it, was [illegible] this $10,— was not paid into the department Ottawa, Lieu months, and upwards. Grace plaint, has had the use of this $10. — —

In this year dealing with the Native department, we cannot the [illegible] book ending 1863, the last book and finish. . .

Here the close, and from other proceedings in the part of Grace Jones plaint, [illegible]

and submit for your information and the District,
I believe I am safe in stating to you that the sign
of the opposition, and believe that Genl Jones
plan, was the many. - he selects as basis for
your future early in the year; Keeps it secret,
till the eve of and you generally speaking before
expecting it to the District expedition. Effects. -
Gen Taliaferro, and their men, merely de-
sire better treatment for they pay [illegible] of the
Creek Country, Jones Dist of Ind Ty. -

I have in this report submitted to the date, I pro-
mised. - But I must now finally conclude. - - -

I would therefore respectfully recommend, that
Genl Jones plan, be acted upon by you prefer
to you the time for your 1834, be [illegible],
and the premises until he may have collected for
previous year as time for this his appointment
that he may have returned in his possession. - - -

This done, I recommend that he dismiss the
Regiment with. - - And I respectfully recom-
mend that the District be divided between
Clarke, in Georgia Ry. and Creek point on
Little River. - - -

The subscription district to which you allude,
with Gen Tom Hudson - in Little River, district
within these limits to be included. - And I recommend
Jones Ryle County - of Lumpkin. - - for the proper
person. for position of Coroner, - Salary $200 a year.
And also for the other vacancy, that he appoint
district Clerk of Court Gen Clarke in Georgia
Ry. to Gen Tom Hudson, in Little River. - I
recommend for District Clerk of Clarke. - for the
proper person. for the position of Coroner - Salary $200 a
year. ~~&~~ And also I suppose the P.M. for Creek Agency,
will have to approve my recommendation. -

I have the Honor to be -

Your Obedient Servant -

[illegible] Jr Agent

Copy of Deduction /.—

Mary Jenkins Estate. — In the Circuit Court — Gibson. — In Chancery. No: 4. — Letter Book, — Page, — and endorsed: — Mary Jenkins — Estate — Gibson — 1884. — and filed the 9th: day of Sept: 1884. — and Davis Kemp. — the Assignee, being sworn to — state: — and says the above account of Receipts, and Payments, is true. —

Linen Jar, — for year 1880, — was $ 10, — as per Receipt. — For year 1881, — she sent any: —

For year 1882, — and year 1883, — she paid $ 20, — being in advance for year 1884. — paid — June 1882. — For year 1884, paid on 8th Feb: 1884, as per receipt. —

Declared to be correct at Little Rock, this 9th September 1884. —

Witness, — Signed — Mahlon Cole. —

Phil Wilkes. — J. P.

and J. O. — Hamilton, Cl'k.

List of papers, attached /. — Marked /—

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1. Linen for Wm Cole, for year 1882, — referred to in my Report of 22. Sep: 1884, and herewith /. —
2. Receipts for year 1882. — do. do. —
3. Linen for Mahlon Cole, for year 1883, — do /. —
4. Receipt for Linen Jar, $ 10. — for Mary Cole, for year 1884. for Living grantee No: 1, Little Rock. — Signed — P.O. —

Hamilton, Cl'k

22. Sep: 1884. 3

Hamilton. Ont.o
22nd Sept.r 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for ... Boat licences for the undermamed fishermen, for to fish in Lake Ontario, on Burlington Beach, during the year of 1884. as follows: —

1. Thomas Philcock - Burlington Beach! For a li= — to fish 500 yards of Herring gill net on Lot No: 17. — in Lake Ontario, on B. beach, — also the privilege of fishing the same in Lake Ontario between the north end of said lot, and the town line, between Grimsby, and Saltfleet for Licence. ly= =ing from the above entrance, for — distance of four miles, — amount to be, ... $5.00 ct.

2. J. H. Babcock, Burlington! For — Licence to fish 500. yards of Herring gill net in Lake Ontario, between the north point of the Burlington beach & the Old Outlet! — the amount to be, — $5.00 ct.

No licence to extend one mile out in front of the beach within the licence limits, same being on Burlington Beach, township of Saltfleet. —

3. — Thomas Ross, Burlington Beach, For a licence to fish 500 yards of Herring gill net, — on Lot. No: 16, — in Lake Ontario, on Burlington Beach, during the present year, and to extend outwards in front of the same for a distance of 1 mile, amount, — $5.00 ct.

I recommend that you will be please to grant the same at your own convenience!.

And please send the printed clauses on each licence. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
H. J. Wilkins
Fishery Overseer

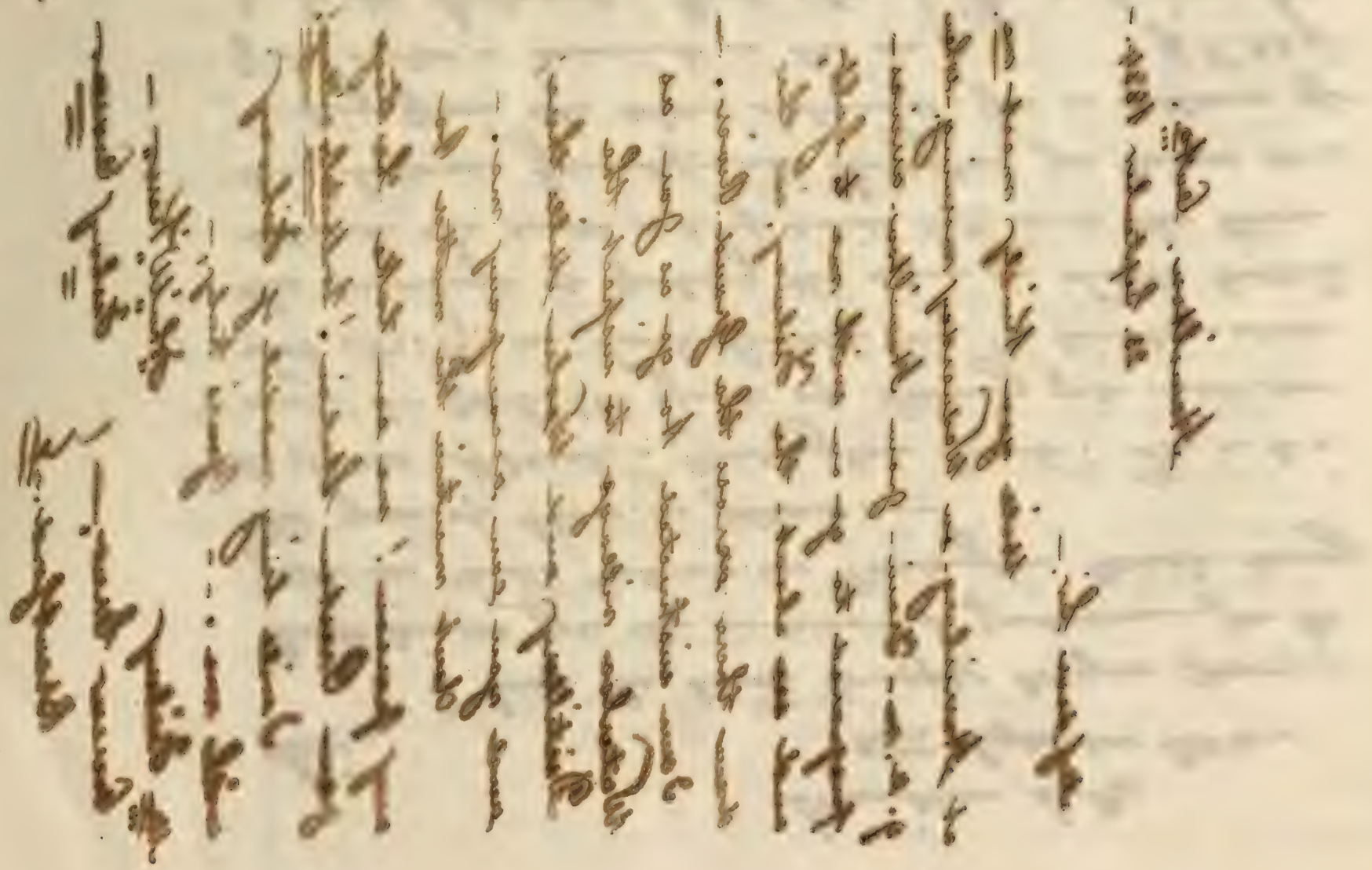
The deputy Minister
of Fisheries —
Ottawa! —

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Hamilton, Ont.
10. September 1894.

My dear Li.—

Was your Kitty married on
a Monday or Thursday morning, when
you were in Hamilton? I was
prepared to go — with me & felt
rude not to ask the Kitty. — I
saw them across the Grand River. —
I am writing to you as you
Watson always to expect the
Kitty's and Uncle Bill then,
and you in company. —
Don't mention it when he
any person! as we take the trip
for Christmas Eve! to Hamilton!
I write big words & Kitty
will see ... Yours truly, —
Kitty H. W. Watson —
Cousin Kitty — Kitty Cousin
Blandford. —



To James Black, Esqr
Dikson — N. W.

Dear Sir

Dear Black —

It appears by a letter I have just received & reply to my application that you have not made the arrangements you ought to have done for the Indians you have with you, and which you promised me you would do before you left Dikson. I am therefore under the disagreeable necessity of informing you that unless you do so immediately, I shall be obliged to withdraw the Indians from your charge, and place them under the care of some other person. I am sorry to be obliged to write you in this manner, but I cannot help it, as I am determined that the Indians shall not suffer from the neglect of those who have been appointed to take care of them.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Donald A. Smith
Chief Commissioner

I am communicating with the department at Ottawa & it is not understood there in the same way you told me. — I do not see the arrangements are made for you by Mr Donald A. Smith, Chief Commr. — "Don't attempt to set the Pounds not, you spoke to me about, and if set, take it up immediately." —

It appears the place you told me you had 3 pounds set on belongs to the Indians. — You then therefore misled me! before you mentioned no name, set more than one pound, the you have got permission through Mr Donald A. Smith, Chief Commr. for to fish. — The Dikson department has written me that they do not consider the pounds set fishing, & must take them up, unless the department has given



"Civil."

Hamilton, Ont.
27 September 1864.

My dear Jessie!—

I sent the expedient, Ottawa, the letter of the Tidings—on my return home after I had obtained the rest of the stolen plate in Rochester, and added some thanks!—it has been apparently that the printer informed Lt. Col: Littlehales, C.B.—that the expedient with memorandum was lacking to this effect.—

I write notify you officially just as soon as I am officially notified myself.—In fact my purpose yourself to announce me finish up at once.—I like more up-and-doing proceedings, the more one obtains with me!—

Yours faithfully
Thomas Scott.

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Hamilton, Ont.
27 September 1864.—

I write Hamilton always on Tuesday.—I am prepared to report on the Hotel accompanying Lieutenant Col. Littlehales Report.

I am in the Building-Journal by Surgeon Jacquier.—

And in reference to my thing, I give that on 24th May 1871.—I wished the Lieutenant Col. reference to appointment about this rate; but I cannot by my hands on the copy.

Will you be please to send the report for reference. I will return it to you again!—

Yours truly,
J. O. Hamilton
Lieut. Engineer
Ottawa.—

Yours truly,
Thomas Scott.
Lieut. Colonel

Specification :-

To all whom it may concern :-

Be it known, that I William Henry Ingram of the City and County of Cincinnati in the State of Ohio have invented certain new and useful improvements in Fish Hooks, and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear and exact description of the same :-

The object of the invention is to construct a fish hook which shall secure the most certain hold of fish, and which shall be so formed that the point of the hook will be concealed by the flesh of the fish, and thereby prevent the escape of the fish after it has once taken the bait. The invention consists in the peculiar construction of the hook, as hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 is a side view of the hook. Figure 2 is a front view of the same. Figure 3 is a transverse section on the line x x of fig 1. Figure 4 is a front view of the same. Figure 5 is a side view of the same, showing the position of the hook when the fish has taken the bait.

a a is the shank of the hook, which may be made of any suitable length and size, according to the size of the fish for which it is intended.

b b is the bend of the hook, which is made of a circular form, and is of sufficient size to admit the point of the hook when the fish has taken the bait.

c c is the point of the hook, which is made sharp, and is bent inwardly, so that it will enter the flesh of the fish with facility.

d d is a barb on the inside of the hook, which prevents the escape of the fish after it has taken the bait.

e e is the eye of the hook, to which the line is attached.

f f is the curve on the inside of the hook, which forms the point of the barb.

g g is the curve on the outside of the hook, which forms the point of the barb.

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The entrance commences at the foot of the dam, and is carried up in a curvilinear position through the dam to terminate in the south side of the mill pond as shown in Fig 1. The position of the structure being in the dam forbids it from injury by running ice, running logs or drift stuff, and not liable to be carried away, or blown within by freshets. — —

The entrance to the fish way at the foot of the dam the first inclined plane is made to start from the bottom at a distance of about two feet from the dam and to rise with an inclination of 1 foot in 4 feet — enlarged towards the pond entrance and so as to give sufficient depth of water for the fish to pass freely under ordinary low stages. —

The width of the fish way is 4 feet and the depth 2 feet. —

D is a flooring plane in an inclined position at the commencement of the entrance, and is designed to carry the water over it in the form of a sheet, it may be supported on piers E E or other suitable means. — —

The fish way F is formed by vertical sides F. and the floor D. and which sides are built of timber, or stone, or other suitable materials. — The sides F. are provided with openings which are provided with sliding gates G. to close the fish to pass into the pond and to supply the way with water when the water is so low, as not to pass into the way, from the entrance in the pond. — The way or chute is provided with the buckets or steps J. plains from the sides alternately. — They are preferably of a curved shape, with a radial projection a, on the outer extremity against which the descending water strikes and forms an eddy, and — leaves in which the fish can rest in ascending the ladder. — The disk work K. which keeps back the obstruct b and through which the fish work, the fish will pass when the gates are open

at [illegible] centre. — —

I claim, as my invention: —

1. A fish way or ladder constructed with or built into or through a dam A, the object to be as described, B, being at the foot of the dam and forming inclined sides a a to direct fish, as the fish for the purpose set forth. — —

2. A fish ladder or way formed in a solid mass with a dam A, having suitable gates and openings with the foot of the dam, as and for the purpose set forth. —

3. A fish ladder or way passing through a dam A, constructed by exterior side walls E, — as set forth.

4. A fish way or ladder having curvilinear steps or buckets, — J, with radial projections b — as and for the purpose set forth. —

5. A fish ladder or way consisting of floor I, side walls H, H, buckets K, and an abutment C, — constructed with a dam A as set forth. —

Signed. —

W. H. Rogers, —

Witness, Mr S, —

Signed and Sealed 1880. —

[illegible] — the presence of

W. H. Rogers. —

R. S. Gilmore. —

State of [illegible] This is the specification referred to in the affidavit of William Henry Rogers, — hereunto annexed. —

Sworn before me, this twenty fourth day of April A. D. 1880. —

Signed. —

R. R. Cotton —

Justice of the Peace. —

References. —

A. Dam. —

B. white pond. —

C. abutment. —

D. [illegible] — E. [illegible]

F. Pier. —

G. Side of B. —

H. [illegible]

I. [illegible]

J. [illegible]

K. [illegible]

a. [illegible]

b. [illegible]

J. C. Aikins Esq.
Indian Department
Ottawa, Ont.

Your memorandum received. I am much pleased on learning that the Indians the less opposed to my appointment as Visitor for the Visitors in Indian Title requires some time, that the summer be out.

At present there is nothing being done respecting the matter and when it can be gone into I am sure to find it can be completed in about four months, getting out the materials. Nevertheless! this is my answer to No: 1.—

You say in No: 11,— memorandum thus!— Pray I understand you to say that the result is going to be that it is stayed pending formal approval of your visit?—...

It is stayed, pending the formal approval of my visit by the Minister.

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Ans! I am sorry that you have got the wrong end of the stick!— Nothing— Mr. [illegible] has gone to [illegible] and will be back [illegible] end of the Department of Indian Affairs during the month of October.— I am glad to know that you have agreed to [illegible] to this effect.— Please send me an official application!...—

Again you say— memorandum 12. Who is to bear it for the present!— My reply to this is, I believe [illegible] I am to pay for the [illegible] myself by the [illegible] the Government hereafter.— Enough on my part.—

Enough

The sum for the Indians, steps— Indians, 9 in number, this by agreement with them I got here in Hamilton, and I wished them to see the other Indians on the principal [illegible] upon.— I say this for one reason [illegible] the Indians for [illegible]

Ans. I am [illegible] reply to this [illegible] Indians— Indians [illegible]

[illegible]

My regards to Mr. L. when I write! Mr. Hall is going to give me his opinion. But your notes and the insight you have on a matter make it doubtful whether it was all an oversight. —

I may take you & explain with you. Myself would that I were present when his works appear among the engravings by the engraver on your work & see the delight. He expressions of your work is finely fixed. even in the ship and plunging of the fixing of [illegible] you can count. K. K. —

Your suspicions of the man is too much grounded. I hope to see Count [illegible] one day — privately that will be before I am finished up in the Lazaretto.

I send you my M.S. Report — prepare on yesterday. and I send it Registered.

I have taken a copy of the specification and I have a copy of the letter. Under the original draft of the [illegible] Count K. on my own guidance. . . You must [illegible]

[illegible] my things must complete to me. Look a your friend as you see, and have [illegible] sincerely to me.

I shall have to get the room for the book in Hamilton and you then must have also. — Not a — provision for a room the evenings in Lockington! in Estimate!!

Let [illegible] from knights. This [illegible] and your books must circumvent anything you and me. in this Bishop's duties. from matter to put it off with at your I write that it must be better [illegible] and the [illegible] you in your with me! — the [illegible] and to I propose to get [illegible] for the experiment — and from Lazaretto and I get it out. . The [illegible] of the [illegible] which with the — good [illegible]. the [illegible] any thing! — It will suppose and give my Bishop with [illegible] — How should you manage all things. — for I have written from — finally [illegible] from you and! & Lockington — [illegible] you!

Hamilton Ont.
October 1st 1884. —

Sir I have the honor to submit for your consideration the annexed application from Messrs D. & W. Ryrie and Peter G. Close. The respectable and worthy gentlemen are Fruit dealers — belonging to Kilmarnock N. B. on Georgian Bay: — and have now in store there — Which a request that I would send you the same. — The place indicated, is up the shore of Georgian Bay — 4 miles from the Town of Collingwood midway between the last named place and the village of Thornbury. —

The applicants are worthy of your consideration. I recommend that the lease be granted at the usual rate of $60.— payable in advance, the year to terminate on the 31st of December next. same as the other leases. Should no objection be made in or against the general rule given by the department. — Please send leases to Messrs George S. Wilson, Crown Lands, to countersigned and delivered. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant. —
J. W. Keele —
Deputy Minister

The Hon.
Minister
of Crown Lands —
Ottawa.

Copy.

Toronto Sept.
September 29th 1884.

Dr. A. Mac Laren
Ridout Chambers
Adelaide St.

Dear Sir

We have
looked out a place to set our Rent roll, and
wish to obtain a lease for 1 year from
October 1st. We request a rental promptly
White first, and Richard.

Please send in your application and we will
remit the money as soon as it is complete.

The place is about 4 miles N. of from the
Town of Collingwood commencing at the South
East point of the Township of Collingwood being
Lot 1 and running up the shore N. for say
3 miles. and out into the Lake 2 miles, as
shown on the enclosed plan. The rent is
required by yearly and in advance of the
Town of Collingwood. The plans from the
Crown must be in us.

Yours obliged
Yours respectfully
D. A. Reid

Yours
Yours truly
D. A. Reid.

Quito.—

Quito. Ecty.
1st October 1884.—

Sir.

I submit for your [illegible] a receipt &c. "Private Letter" dated Quito 29th September last. I have just received from the Vice of Port Clark, Mr Rollins wholesale dealers in Foreign Bay— York.— V. V. V. — through D.W. Port—

The subject referred to, by Mr D.W. Port, of the advance from Quito to, as said known to by H.B. Govt. Quito, explained — Mr — Ecuador — the Govt. Foreign Affairs — the 5th — 6th of November last — the Govt. Port — Quito — of my note to Govt. Quito of November 1883 — that there was just that was not opposed at that time by either the Quito Govt, or the — the present Govt — for the Govt. Quito, Ecuador Govt.

I believe as Mr D.W. Port — asks for this privilege — privilege that may be granted with good grace, by the Govt. Quito Govt. there seems the good — The Govt. opposed to by the Govt. Port — ask for nothing but "British Foreign" — they ask — the same grounds as they made the Govt. that Govt — the Govt. to the Govt. Govt. Mr J.O. McCulloch — the Govt. — the Govt. Quito — of Mr Govt. Govt. Govt.

[illegible] of the [illegible] at present [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] My Lord, [illegible] Bigger [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].—

My Lord.— Hear!— Then we speak to the [illegible], [illegible]
"they say; they have got the [illegible] [illegible] and they [illegible] [illegible]
"[illegible] — [illegible] of what we say to".— "We can see how the
"[illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] got such an [illegible] against the [illegible] and
"[illegible] of us the people without [illegible] many of them [illegible],
"[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]".—

Then then, I may [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] My Lord [illegible]! the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] not finding any one to conduct the [illegible], unless[illegible]
statements. I have to report no alteration should be made in
my Abstract Return, the statements are not founded on any [illegible]
[illegible] returns. I hope the foregoing may satisfy you

[illegible]

I have the honor to be Gentlemen &c.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

more only to me myself in the Building, so that you may see more for yourself, that is an increase since the of about 30 men, and also on the Loss of Jenkins. —

There was no occasion of sewing the manure for the farm, for by your profits R. — so highly prized as a fertilizer, as farmers who have succeeded in procuring it have proved, by the most — use and improvement to their crops. — There is no cause of complaint, so far as my humble judgement leads me to Know and believe this — against the Distillery. —

And upon examining that the note in Evans Mr. P. gives circumstances with Symons, there is nothing else I could have to complain of, or against the Proprietors of the Distillery, of the town of Waterbury Conn.

The proprietors as we with their power to injure, with the Distillery not. — Now this should show, as the Proprietors! — I have the honor to be,

Sir —

Your Obedient Servant —

[illegible]

Selectmen —

[illegible]

Hamilton, Ont.,
3rd October 1884. —

Sir,

Will oblige me by 5 applications, for Boat Licenses, for the fishing Grounds Point Abino, and Head Waters of the Niagara River below the Suspension Bridge, between Lake Erie and Ontario.

Please to explain for the Deputy Minister's information

1st = William Reid, one of the Fishermen, has a Boat, and has been fishing in American waters of Lake Erie, about 12 miles from the Town of Niagara, for Sturgeon. They are fishing there next week, and are desirous of having Sturgeon gill nets fishing in Lake Erie. — I recommend them for the privilege. —

Messrs Albert and Charles Reid of Niagara, — whose Boat Licence you will please find herewith for 1884, have been fishing up to the present time also in American waters of Lake Ontario, and have not fished within the limits mentioned in their Licence. I recommend that they may be permitted to fish also within the limits as recommended to be granted to the fishermen as above. — And having paid for a privilege in Lake Ontario, they be allowed to fish with the Licence on Lake Erie, between Port Colborne, and the Niagara, between South Bunga and Fairhaven. — Please make a note to this effect on the Licence and return to me! they go on a tour of discovery for Sturgeon - and 2000 yards of Sturgeon gill net, in your note — the licence. — Besides, they are worthy men, with large families. — Please explain to the Deputy Minister of Fisheries. — I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedt Servt,

A. Hall Kerr Esq.

Fisheries Department,
Ottawa, — Ont.

Hamilton Ont.
3rd October 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Boat license, for John Raymond of Niagara.

He to sail 1,601 yards of 11½" mesh net, Gillnet nets, and 1,600 yards of 3" mesh net, Herring gill nets, in Lake Erie, between Port Colborne and the Township, between South Cayuga, and Ramsay, during the current year of 1884.

The amount is to be of $5.00 ct.

I recommend the same.

A portion of the Lake Erie, privilege asked for, is within Overseer McCrae's division. He takes it upon my own decision.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
[illegible]

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ont.
3rd October 1884.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Bond
from the Collector of Customs. — Port.—

Due to Jas. Good, 1000 yards of 3" mesh, Herring
gill nets, — Due J. Good, 1000 yards of 1¼" mesh, Sturgeon
gill nets, — in Lake Erie, between Point Abino, and Buffalo,
Point during the current year of 1884, —

The amount of the Bond is $ 500 payable in case
that you be pleased to grant the privileges above
mentioned at your convenience.

I remain the same. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servt. —
Jas. W. Good
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries —
Ottawa.

Hamilton Ont.
3rd October 1864.

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Land Grant for Joseph Bird of Rosyeway County of Wentworth. He has gold quartz veins in Lake Shore between Bird Alice, and Bird Hill property during the present year of 1864. Amount for Lic $5.00.

1200 yards of S'ward most Running one Lode gold vein.
1600 yards of N'ly most vein, Ranging gold vein.

Will you be pleased to send the protection clauses, and send to me at your convenience.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. H. Wilkes
Deputy Engineer

The Superintendent
of Mines
Ottawa

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
3rd October 1894.—

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Land Grant for Alex^{r} William Ross and Robert Cotton of Niagara.—

He has put 1200 yards of 3" rock mark, Hamilton gate rock, and 1200 yards of 11½" rock mark, Niagara gate rock, in Lake Erie, between Port Colborne and the Welland, between Ridout and Lock Nos. during the current year of 1894.—

He intends to do 4 T. pounds as above.—

This you to please to record the protection above, and send to me at your convenience.—

I remain the same.—

A portion of the privilege which you so kindly granted to him, Hamilton, He takes advantage of this year.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obed^{t} Servant.—
John W. Kerr
Dist^{y} Engr.

H. Superintendent
of Rivers.
Ottawa.

Hamilton Oct.
3rd October 1834.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Bank License for the Bank of Niagara.

In the first place note on Lake Erie between the Harbours and the River Grand between the months of April 1834.

The amount to be for $5 payable on each

$5

$1 Notes of 1½ mos. each Bonger note.
120 Notes of Sterling Bank most gold note.

It is your pleasure to insert the particular names and sums to be on your Commission.

As you may choose a portion of the privilege notes for within Queens Michaels division; the balance is in my division.

I have the Honor to be.

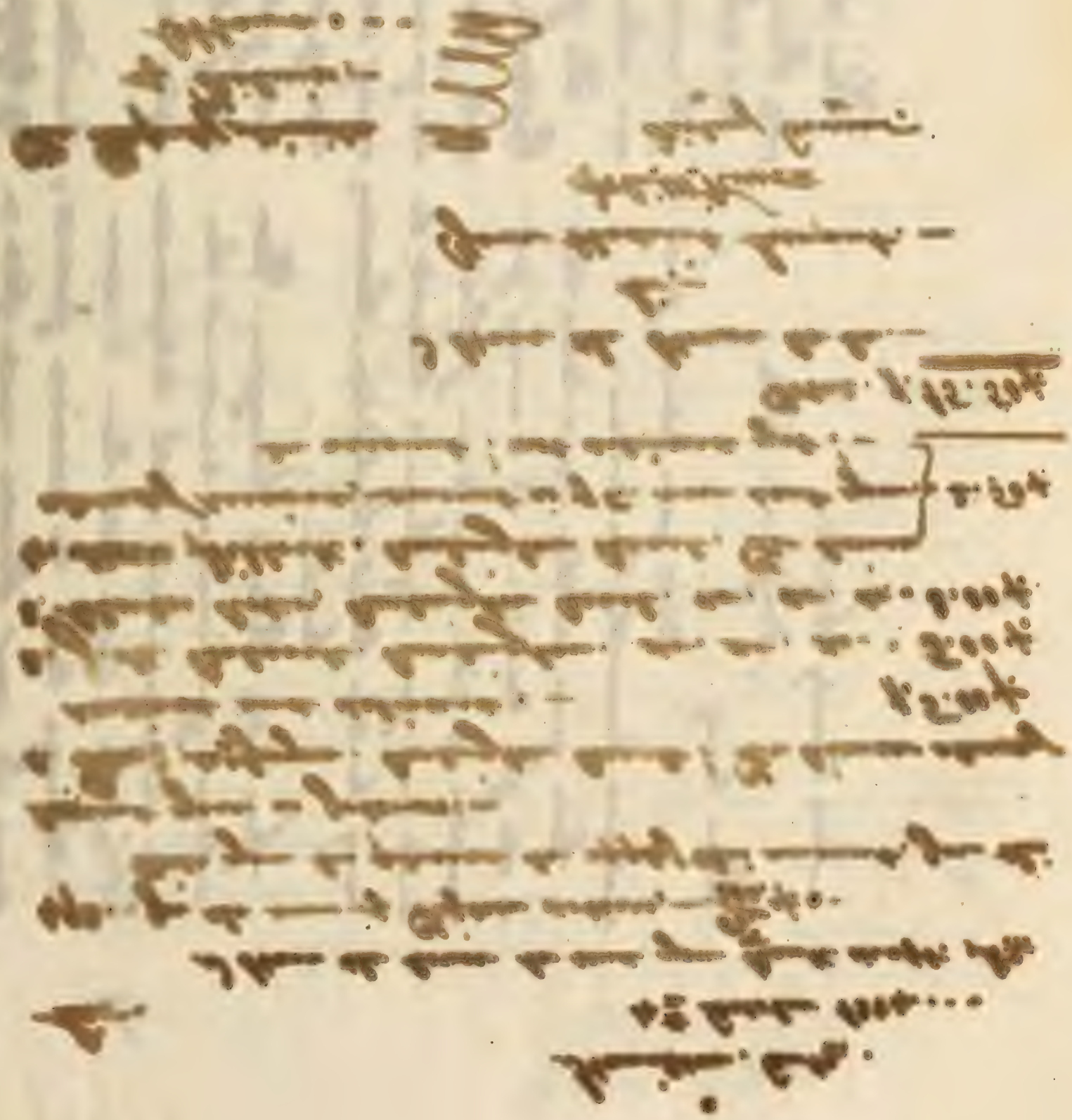
Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

Hamilton

Cashier

The Deputy Receiver
of Customs.
Queens.



Hamilton Ontario
6th October 1884.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Land Grant for the Bed of Lake Nipissing in the County of Nipissing. I wish to purchase about 100 acres of Land on the north side of Lake Nipissing, in front of the Township of Widdifield. The water front which I wish to purchase extends in the Lake for a distance of two miles. —

The amount to be paid for the land per acre will be given for this purpose.

I would like you will be pleased to grant this favor at your convenience & remit me the particulars thereof.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
[illegible]
Barrister &c.

The Deputy Minister
of Crown
Ottawa.

Hamilton Co.

Dr. [illegible]

67 Cattle Mkt.

I have the honor to apply to you for a Grant of Land from the Military System of Canada — the Country of Indians for the first time Grant among the Settlers in favor of the Township of [illegible] 2,000 yards of Swamp and Water, yet unto, to extend from the Land, within such limits onwards in the Lake for a distance of two miles.

The amount to be [illegible] for, for this amount four 100 pounds in advance.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the Grant at your convenience, and oblige thereby the [illegible]

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant —

[illegible]

Secy Engr

The Right [illegible]

Governor,

Ottawa.

Dumfries Gaol
27 October 1834

My Lord,

I have the honor to apply to your Lordship on behalf of Thomas Hyslop, one of the Prisoners in the County Gaol of Dumfries. He is now under sentence of Death, for the crime of Murder, and is to be executed on the 12th day of November next. I am informed that he is desirous of having the assistance of a Roman Catholic Clergyman. I therefore submit the matter to your Lordship, and request your instructions in the premises.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's
most obedient
humble Servant
Robert Hyslop
Governor

The Right Honorable
the Lord Advocate
Edinburgh.

Hamilton County.

6th October 1854.

Sir

I have to apply to you for a Grant known as the Home Farm of Clonbur in County of Galway.

The said Farm being the same as is held under a Lease from the Trustees of Mrs Blake Dangan for the term of 1000 years at a Rent of £16 per annum, subject to the Land Debentures and Tithe Rentcharge to the Clonbur Glebe and to a reservation of six acres.

The Rent is to be £16 per annum for the first seven years from 1854, payable in advance.

I understand that you will be pleased to grant this Lease as your convenience may admit thereof for a Fee Farm Grant.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obt

Servt

Thos Burgh

The Secretary

of Police

Dublin.

Hamilton City
6 October 1864.

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to your Grace & the Board for my Police Pension of Three — Pounds per Week.

I have had 2 Years among the most [illegible] — part of the Province of Waikato, in Engagements [illegible] 1000 yards of the enemy — I am quite sure that I have [illegible] the same kind without [illegible] in the 2 Years & a Quarter of this Police.

The amount is due to me from the Police Fund for the Quarter ending 31st. September.

I trust that you will be pleased to grant this Pension as you consider I am most [illegible] for [illegible] Pension.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Police Magistrate

The Inspector of Police
&c &c &c
Auckland.

Sarnia, Ont.
6th October 1884.

Sir,

I have to report for your information, that on the 2nd inst. Sylvester Neal, John Burke of Bosanquet, a Labourer, got into the Residence of the Township Keeper, on the Town of Sarnia Lots, adjoining the Farm of James Gibson, and John Taylor, and Township of Sarnia, on Lot No. 9 in the 2nd Con. of the Township of Sarnia, and then and there did unlawfully and maliciously break down and destroy a portion of the Fence of the said James Gibson, and John Taylor, and did then and there unlawfully and maliciously break down and destroy a portion of the Fence of the said Township Keeper, of Sarnia.

I may here report, that the Magistrate before whom the above named Sylvester Neal, John Burke, Bosanquet, and Sarnia Township Keeper were brought for examination.

I have heard the Magistrate, and I forward herewith the facts and particulars as I have taken them down.

However, I may report for your information, that the Township Keeper of Sarnia, Bosanquet, and Sarnia, will not be prosecuted, as the Township Council do not wish to take the matter up, as they have been informed that the Fence was broken down by the said Sylvester Neal, John Burke, and Joseph Hamilton, on the instructions of the Magistrate of Bosanquet.

To
The Deputy Minister
of Justice,
Ottawa.

1.

Case of the Schooner Jessie Hall, put into a port within the British Province of Nova Scotia, Yarmouth N.S. for wilfully taking gills nets, in forbidden American waters, in which she had been seized - proceeded in a Vice Admiralty Court, where he does not deem it necessary to make his appearance.

I may report for your information, that since your Excellency left Halifax, - was placed in command of H.M. Schooner "Jed" H.M.S. - was placed in command of the "Jed".

The American fishermen - Youngstown, who have been in the habit of gilling on Sundays, have now stopped fishing on Sabbath day! Bravo. -

At Youngstown, fishermen were not noticed in port of "Jed" Niagara, any more on Sundays. - Since Lieut. Cox has taken some gill nets, and he has notified the U.S. fishermen, he would seize all their gill nets, for a violation of the Sabbath. - The Youngstown fishermen, have in consequence, stopped fishing gill nets there, altogether on Sundays. -

It is a very unusual thing now, for to see the Yankee visiting the Sabbath by their fishermen much less both of him; because the fishing are done in American waters. - The American Niagara was seized for fishing in the Lake -

This caught in American waters, was found guilty, in a Court of Vice Admiralty where Judge for condemned "The Lawless law is in a case of this kind, that is to say to be made in the Harbour and a fine pound to pain on the said fish so caught was known by the result of having fished". "There is no necessity for any such examination of the Sabbath."

I most respectfully recommend that if you think it expedient, you apply to the Hon. Minister of the Marine & Fisheries, - to instruct the Collector of Customs of Niagara, to inquire the law in this case of

it should happen again, we - like to this effect written to me by you to be sent to the Niagara Gleaner, as a warning will do much good. -

This was the signature of which effect- needed his complaint at last returned that I was - some way like to see fair to Jesus Ramsey for that he has done as I have him told. "But he "knocked then returns called looking fairness "from Youngstown, N. Y. - and indeed it was very "much needed."

Rumor Jobbers called Lucky is not for play - to me was called during the sitting Jackson of the Town of Niagara. -

I have the Honor to be,

Sir -

Your Obedient Servant -

Wm. H. Ramsey

Lucky Engineer

Niagara Falls

Mr. Superintendent

Niagara Falls

Sir -

Received from J. A. Ramsden
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa, Ont.
One receipt for my general subscription
for 1884 — Dated 10th September 1884.—

One receipt for $2.75 on account
of Expenses incurred at the International
Fisheries Exhibition. London. England! —
One case key for Gunnison. K.—
Your Respectfully. —
J. A. Ramsden
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton Ont.
6th October 1884.

2. Lines.—

Mrs Thomas Smith.—
Niagara.—
Ont.

Mailed on
10th Oct. /84.—

1. Fishing
Lines! &

1. Mrs Albert Ball.—
" Charles Ball.—

Fishermen! —

Niagara,
Ont.

Mailed on
10. Oct. /84.

1. Box Hooks.—
2. S. S. Cards.—

Gunnison

Mrs. Jane Elliott.-
Niagara. Ont.-

I send to your address this day 3 Boat licences.- for Niagara fisheries! Viz:----

1. Jas Jol Raymond.- @ 5.00 ct.-
2. " Wm Bell and } @ 5.00 ct.
" Robert Patterson. }
3. " Jas Kidd.. @ 5.00 ct.

Please tell these fishermen, you have their licences - and obtain their receipt paying for for me @ 5.00 ct.

Thank you.-

I sent you 2. Boat licences. viz:
1. Jas Jos Wass, Youngstown. @ 5.-
2. " E. C. Anderson, do. " 5.-

Please see for yourselves you have the licences for them! they will say the only you can get @ 5. from each, the have them their licences!.

1.

Wade and Anderson are going to Lake Erie to fish, near Ridgeway. Get the money first, before you deliver to any of them their licences. I may see you! I told them, I would send the licences to you for them.- Good day.

Yours Obedient.-
John W. Kerr
Fishery Inspector.

Hamilton, Ont. 11. October 1884.

P.S. Please tell these fishermen, for to buy their licences with them, when they go to Lake Erie. Tell Albert Bell, to do the same thing @ 5.00 — I mailed Bell's licence to him to day.-
J.W.K. F.O.

2.

The William Kerr

Hamilton

1st July. 30th September 4

						Miles.		
1824-								
July.	22nd	Dft St Catharines and Niagara.			1.	50. Ry. Bt.	3.	75.
"	3.	Dft Lucanston, collecting Canada Jaas.			1.	14. S.H.B.	2.	50.
"	4.	Dft Niagara, St Catharines & Hamilton.			1.	50. do. Ry.	3.	25.
"	7.	Dft Ubiqua and return home.			1.	36. S.H.B.	2.	00.
"	8.	On Burlington Beach, to see Fishermen.			1.	26. do.	2.	00.
"	10.	Dft Toronto to see Emmeas, & Stellwagle.			1.	88. Ry.	2.	00.
"	14.	On B. Beach procuring shad for department.			1.	28. S.H.B.	2.	00.
"	16.	On B. Beach, getting shad, sent same to Ottawa per express.			1.	30. do.	2.	00.
"	17.	On Burlington Heights after large fishing.			1.	10. S.H.B.	1.	50.
"	19.	Dft Toronto, Pt Credit, and Clarkson and home,			1.	92. Ry. Bt.	5.	25.
"	22.	On B. Beach, delivering Canvas.			1.	30. S.H.B.	2.	00.
"	28.	Dft Ubiqua to see Paddy Hand.			1.	40. do.	2.	00.
"	29.	On B. Beach, to get license Jaas.			1.	30. do.	2.	25.
"	30.	Dft Toronto to meet the L.C. Board, Sept.			1.	92. Ry. Bt.	5.	40.
August.	6.	On B. Beach, getting Nets for Ottawa.			1.	30. S.H.B.	2.	50.
"	9.	On B. Beach & Hamilton - enquiring about general Bt.			1.	30. do.	2.	00.
"	10.	Dft Toronto, to meet the L.C. Board, Sept.			1.	45. Ry. Bt.	2.	20.
"	11.	Dft Toronto, and Hamilton.			1.	45. do.	2.	75.
"	13.	Dft Niagara, Journd all regular.			1.	50. do.	6.	00.
"	14.	Dft Niagara, office duty.			1.	2.	1.	00.
"	15.	Dft Niagara, Lts: Bt: and Hamilton.			1	60. Ry. Bt.	1.	65.
"	18.	Dft Ubiqua, examined Trout, and White Fish gill nets - all must be 5 inches.			1.	36. S.H.B.	2.	00.
September	2.	Dft Burlington Beach, - to enquire about fishing			1	8. S.H.B.	1.	50.
"	4.	On B. Beach, Dan: Lyons paid Canvas Jas,			1.	24. do.	2.	00.
"	5.	Got a genuine shad and sent it to Capt			1.	12. do.	1.	50.
"	14.	On B. Beach, home and off to Niagara.			1.	70. Ry Bt.	6.	00.
"	15.	Dft Niagara all day: see report. &c.			1	2.	1.	50.
"	16.	Niagara, St Catharines and Hamilton.			1.	50. Ry. Bt.	3.	00.
"	24.	Dft Waterloo village - see report.			1.	108. do.	4.	50.
"	26.	On B. Beach, delivered licenses.			1.	24. S.H.B.	2.	00.
"	28.	Dft Niagara. see report.			1.	50. do. Ry.	4.	75.
"	29.	Investigating illegal sunday fishing	reports		1.	1.	1.	25.
"	30.	Niagara. Office duty & Hamilton.			1.	50. do.	2.	50.
				Total.	33.	1318 miles	$57	60

Memorandum:

Please send me, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Hamilton, Oct.

13th Oct. 1824.

W. Kerr

Hamilton

Oct.

Mr. William Kerr —

Hamilton

1st July. 30th September 4

1854.							
July.	3rd	Off St Catharines, and Niagara,	1.	50. Cy. M.	3.	75.	
"	5.	Off Queenston, collecting Canada fares.	1.	14. N.W.	2.	50.	
"	6.	Off Niagara. St Catharines & Hamilton,	1.	50. do. Cy.	3.	25.	
"	7.	Off Welland, and return home.	1.	36. S.W.	2.	00.	
"	9.	On B. Road to see Fishermen.	1.	26. do.	2.	00.	
"	10.	Off Toronto to see Emerson Wm Hutchinson	1.	32. Cy.	2.	00.	
"	11.	On B. Road, passing about 3rd inst.	1.	26. S.W.	2.	00.	
"	12.	On B. Road, getting Flour, sent down to Ottawa, per Express.	1.	30. do.	2.	00.	
"	17.	On B. Hagle after heavy Rain.	1.	10. S.W.	1.	50.	
"	18.	Off Toronto, St Louis & Hamilton & Home,	1.	30. Cy. M.	4.	25.	
"	22.	On B. Road, delivering Licences.	1.	30. S.W.	2.	00.	
"	23.	Off Victoria, to see Paddy Hands.	1.	do. do.	2.	00.	
"	24.	On B. Road to get Licence Fees.	1.	30. do.	2.	25.	
"	25.	Off Toronto, to meet the S.C. Inspect. Dept	1.	28. Cy. M.	3.	40.	
August	6.	On B. Road, getting Flour for Ottawa.	1.	30. S.W.	2.	50.	
"	8.	On B. Road & Canal, enquiring about grain,	1.	30. do.	2.	00.	
"	10.	Off Toronto, to meet the S.C. Inspect. Dept	1.	28. Cy. M.	2.	20.	
"	11.	Off Toronto, and Hamilton.	1.	42. do.	2.	75.	
"	13.	Off Niagara found all regular.	1.	50. do.	6.	00.	
"	14.	Off Niagara. Left do.	1.	2.—	1.	00.	
"	15.	Off Niagara, Lincoln & Hamilton,	1.	50. Cy. M.	1.	65.	
"	18.	Off Victoria, examined Road, and Mills just give note, also went to St Catharines.	1.	36. S.W.	2.	00.	
September	2.	Off Hamilton &c to enquire about Grain.	1.	8. S.W.	1.	50.	
"	4.	On B. Road, Dan: Morgan, paid Licence Fee,	1.	24. do.	2.	00.	
"	6.	Got a grain check, and sent it to Dept	1.	12. do.	1.	50.	
"	14.	On B. Road, Lincoln & Off to Niagara,	1.	70. Cy. M.	6.	00.	
"	15.	Off Niagara, left do. Home reported M.	1.	2.—	1.	50.	
"	16.	Niagara, St Catharines & Hamilton.	1.	50. Cy. M.	3.	00.	
"	24.	Off Hamilton village, Home reported,	1.	108. do.	4.	60.	
"	26.	On B. Road, delivering Licences.	1.	24. S.W.	2.	00.	
"	28.	Off Niagara, Home reported.	1.	50. do. Cy.	4.	75.	
"	29.	Sunday, stayed home only Dilig (reported)	1.	1.—	1.	25.	
"	30.	Niagara St Catharines, and Hamilton.	1.	50. do.	2.	50.	
			Miles.	33. 1.318 miles	£. 87.	60	

Phillip Kerr —

Hamilton

Sept 30

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
13. October 1884.

Sir.—

I Have the honor to send herewith, for your consideration and approval, my account of expenses incurred for travel while engaged on active duty in the Hamilton Division for quarter ending 30th day of September 1884: as follows:—

The total amount as per diary is:—		$87.60
Add Voucher 1. John W. Kerr. For Office rent.—	"	5.00
do. 2. John W. Kerr. " Cartages.—	"	2.26
do. 3. John W. Kerr. " Telegraphs.—	"	2.12
do. 4. John W. Kerr. " Stationery.—	"	1.80
do. 5. John W. Kerr. " Boatmen, &c.	"	9.80
Total		$108.58

In submitting my account in detail you will please find I have travelled 1.313 miles.—

The expenses incurred were necessary for the active performance of my duties.—

I Have not included in this account any of the expenses incurred by me trips to Southampton and enquiries made and reported on in Lucas, James Muir's division. Port Elgin. Stock Rearer.—

This will be done as soon as the Fishery at Gordon's mile in Saugeen River, Southampton is completed. the necessary instructions have been given to commence and complete the work.—

An advance made me for quarter ending on 30th of June last, was not deducted from my account for that quarter.— from Hamilton division.—

I Have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant.—

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.—

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries.
Ottawa.—

Copy.-

Killarney. Oct 18th 1880.-

My dear.

Having a little time to spare, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how things are going. We are about thirty (30) Miles from Killarney, and they call it Killarney. Some thought the place ugly. Both (Burtchaell) and I found that we had more fun than the Lakes and Black Rock. Have made up my mind to go to the Lakes in the close season to spend a week or fortnight. - Nothing of any account done. Alby has been for a trip up the lake for a couple of weeks. - He finishes on going to Dublin first of this week at Christmas and the Lakes of Killarney. The friends in Killarney are all quite as Alby, was there on Saturday. - I am thinking of going to Dunboy to buy fish. - Give us all the particulars when you write. Alby, sends Kind regards, & the regards. —

Yours

J. W. Kirwan Esq[re] M[r] Alfred Montgomery. -
Ballycarron -
Thurles, Co. Tipp.

Montgomery Ala.
16. October 1866.—

Sir

I have the honor to report the safety of
a Mail I have just received from City to Montgomery
by Contract, which by the 16th Sept. last
included Selma & of the Line of Ala. Central R.R.
Co. reporting a Mail in the Georgia Mail
Service.

The Superintendent also directs me to call your attention
to the fact that Contract Mail
Agents, & other Railroad Officials
are in the habit of Riding free in the
Georgia Mail Cars. This is an evil
which is justly complained of by
the Public, & should be corrected by
the Department.

If you have not already done so, I would call your
attention to the fact that Mail Agents
are frequently required to ride in Baggage
Cars, & to perform duties which
prevent them from attending properly to
their Mails, & which might
easily be dispensed with.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servt
Jno. [illegible]
Asst. P. Master

The Hon.
Postmaster General
Washington D.C.

595

Hamilton, Ont.
15. October 1884.—

My dear Peter!—

Yours of 13th received, & am always so glad to hear from you.— My job I. printing, is now to close for Long Point, shipping the rest of your great skating rinks: may you always keep at the head of the list of the Dominion of Long Point.—

I cannot play Blackjack, to take you, to task — some day,—

And

Now, my friend Peter!— You say: "I have kept a correct account of all the fish caught at Long Point!".

In reply, you will make Allowance, and keep from note-fish. is to be set aside; when they talk up their nets for the season.. This we can get at Port Dover,— when the fishing for the season ends! so you need not be alarmed, as I shall not forget them: when the proper time arrives for furnish Blanks,— and show you how a decent respectable return should be made out by a good sterling conservative like yourself my friend Peter for the Fisheries department of the great National Policy Conservative party. N. P....

With a hip, hip, hurrah! and we see a rosier ✱ for us with your skating!— and you need not trouble yourself, I will look out for you at the proper time..... I hope your family are well; we are all thank God enjoying good health!— and anything you or any niece with me!— and things are more pleasant, & prettier and more profitable at present with me as Conservative, than they were in your past and gone!—

Love with my kind regards, to ever believe me!— Yours Sincerely.—

Peter Reid Esq.
Fishery Overseer.—
Long Point, & Wilsons, Ont.

Wm. Reid
Fishery Overseer.

Halifax N.S.

16. October 1884. —

Sir

I have the honor to send you Bank Cheque No: 536. for the sum of Fifteen dollars. —

also you be please to apply this amount for the account you as follows: —

1. Edward Joyce and Bro:- Bronte - For a Boat License already received and delivered. - $5.00

2. L. & Bro:- Lockeport Bank. - For a Boat Licence already received and delivered. - $5.00

3. Robert Webster & Bro:- do. do. do. - 5.00

Total - $15.00

I have the Honor to be —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy

Minister of Fisheries —

Ottawa. — —

Halifax N.S.

16 October 1884.

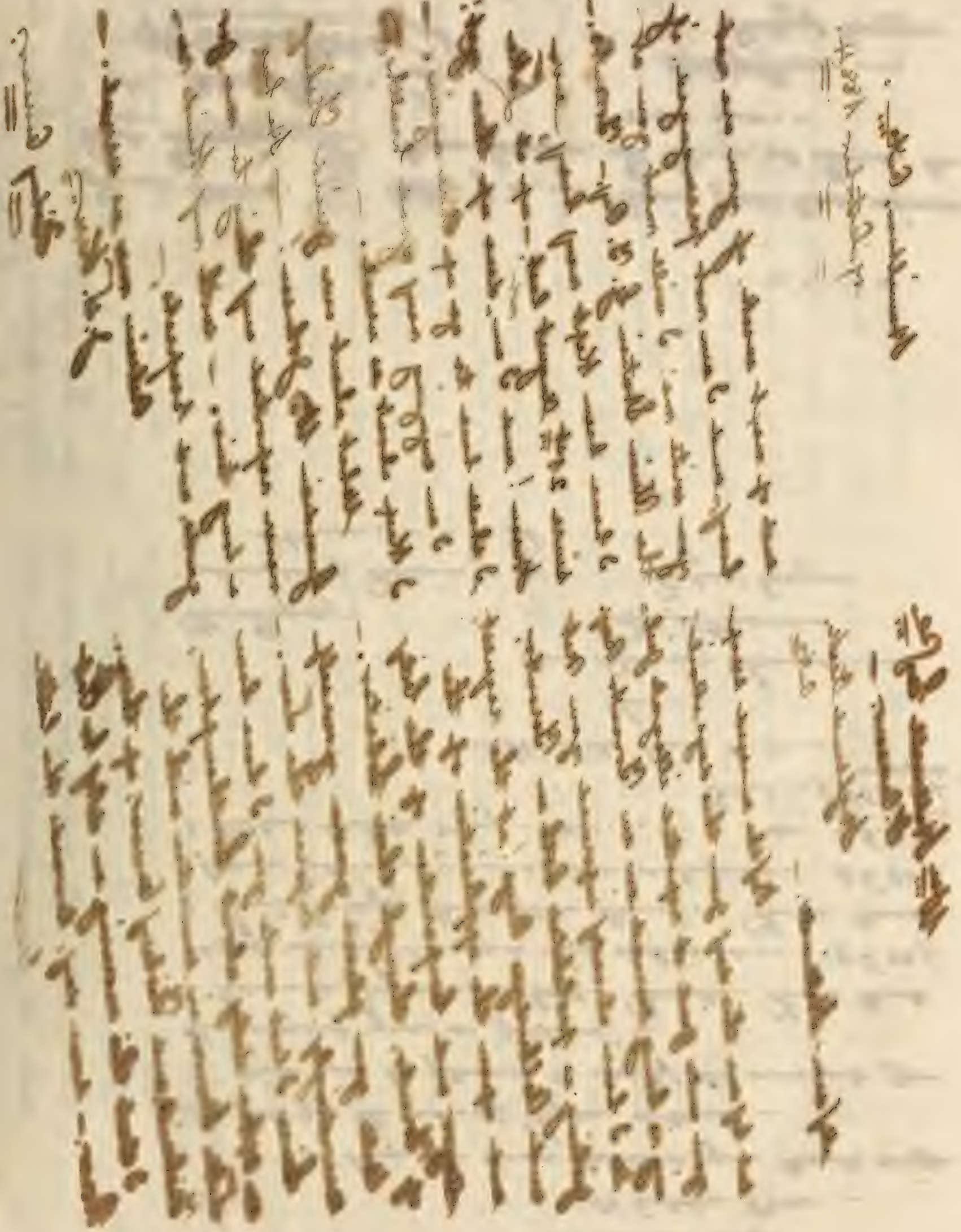
Chief Clerk

Fishery Overseer.

Chief Clerk acknowledges.

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, C.W.
17th October 1814.



Hamilton, Ont.
13 October 1880.

Sir,

I have a report, and it is with extreme regret, that I do so! ... I was on the 29th August last, Coroner for the Town of Port Dover, on South Cayuga in County of Norfolk, was very seriously injured by the "Threshing Machine" while unloading about from 40 to a waggon, falling on his right leg, inflicting a Compound Fracture, badly breaking it above the ankle, the end of one bone protruded through the flesh, which made the case this — very serious, but it still remains to be seen how this will be, but his progress to recovery is slow, but sure! — I was not Known about this until after my arrival at Port Dover on yesterday.

I went and saw him, the effects of the accident seems to be on a fair and satisfactory state; all that is to make his mind easy, as I would assist in keeping everything straight, in the division, until he became restored again to his former good health, and was again able to become his active duties. — Mr. Coroner Sharp, is a good man, in his position as Coroner, — and in consequence of the sad calamity, that has come to fall on him, I beg again to recommend that his annual salary, be $250, same as his predecessor. —

He has had two Doctors in attendance waiting on him; I met Dr. Kennedy, from Vittoria, at his home on yesterday, who applied to me the accident case, and the difficulties that he met in another position sometimes in setting the broken leg. —

The Inquest
Province of Ontario
Ottawa, Ont.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Deputy Coroner

Hamilton. Ont.
18. October 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive copy of James Allan's letter to the Hon. the Minister, V. extract from same, 13. October 1884, with your instructions to me, to report thereon.

I have to report, that I proceeded to Port Dover, on Monday, please report, in communication with James Allan, the applicant, - George Allan, they are Crown Owners, on the Lake, - and Edward Norgrove, - Store Keeper, Port Dover, and having also consulted with the local fishery Overseer, Mr. David Sharp, Esq. -

I enclose a map, by James Allan, asked for by the Minister, in said letter; talked with George Allan, and Mr. Norgrove, - and explained to them the fishery laws, the privileges enjoyed by fishermen, fishing Crown Lots, - on Lake Erie; Norfolk division - as fixed by an order in Council, - which, appears of by the Department. - In 1881, and 1882, when in charge there!

I therefore most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant a Crown Lease to James Allan, Edward Norgrove, and James Allan: of Port Dover! - for the fish 2,000 yards of Gill net, which fish gill nets in Lake Erie, to Crown Lot Fishers, and Canada fishermen during this present year! the license fee is to be $15.00 for. -

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the particular Crown Lease, this time, to the Crown Lot Fishers, who have communicated with me therein, only for the same number. -

If you deem it necessary I will report more fully, - verbally. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir, -
Your Obedient Servant. -
W. McMaster

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries, -
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
18th October 1884.-

Sir.-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 543 for the sum of Fifteen dollars.— Will you be please to send me license for Frank Jackson, of Turkey Point for this current year; this license is to be the same as last year. And apply the fifteen dollars,— I now send you, herein.-

This matter was referred to, on yesterday, by Coroner, Dr. Sharp, who wished me to speak to Jackson, about it.- On my return from Sharp, on yesterday; Jackson handed me the money, requesting me to send it to the department, and get up his license for him.-

Will you be please to send it to me for delivery.-

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedt Servt.—
H. Wilkes—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries.—
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Colo.
20. October 1884.—

Dear Sir.—

Yours of the 17th inst. is received; and Little Known of the matters you refer to that I can render you aid; you must work it out.—

A few people complain making short work of you refer to. I will apply to the Dickens expedient for a short remedy.— You owe Tony me, who must remember! but you not too my Jones I owe me!— I owe the old Bank some Notices money.— Go to work up the mines of Leadville!—

With this regards to the Leadville you why, our folks and family.— Believe me

Yours Sincerely—

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Dickens notice for the guidance of Book Lovers who not Dickens books at Books / Sticking — Like Leeches, during this present year of 1884....

All Lovers for, must be quick in the purchase... No credit given!!.—

Leaving our smoking fish — the subject of, must be stopped from this very forth and for ever! by Dickens singing — fishing — our smoking fish — the Devil at the mines of Leadville!— Cross of Christ!— A third Remove of the subject; is absolutely necessary! Dickens shall not fish shall not the mention of fish in this Lines...

It is necessary — for us, that the fish the effect of fish, our opinion fish [illegible] to remove many ships, from [illegible] Leadville, Colo. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

Sir.—

20. October 1884.—

When I made my last visit to the village of Ingleton, Bronte! I found sticky spawning, a good deal of Fish guts,- and spoiled fish lying on the grounds! which is contrary to law, and in contravention of the Fisheries Act.— The penalty is $ 100,- See section 14. of the Fisheries Act.—

It has been communicated to me, that the Boat fishermen fishing Gill nets in Lake Ontario, are in the habit of cleaning and smoking fish, on Sunday, if this happens any more! I shall on conviction of person so offending! recommend his license to be cancelled! you will in future attend to abating this contravention of the Fishery Act! at the village of Ingleton! and give the fishermen there, due notice from me! by posting up or nailing up the enclosed Notice for their information, and edification...

Do you are always in the vicinity of the grounds laid off with Rock,- Fish Houses; and Smoke Houses! I beg and require of you to obtain from the fishermen daily, when they fish up; the quantity of fish caught by each fisherman.

Also! inform all persons concerned! that no person can fish without a license.—

Five dollars, per Boat, is the license fee!— for year ending 31st of December 1884.— But commencing on the 1st of January 1885. the Boat license fee shall be $ 10.- payable forthwith! ex- pire the Fishermen.—

I am, Sir!—

Your Obedient Servant,

W. D. Pelton Esqre

Fishery Guardian

Bronte, Ont^{o}...

Philip W. Keefer—

Fishery Overseer

Memorandum!. –

The sides complains of on the
four back yards, and have up Sewer! and are laid
down and dumped in to the water, at the up-
per end of Lands Inlet, situated below the line on
Wellington street; extending along the said street for a
distance of about 50. feet. – – –

Then the lower end of the sides, to the Wellington
street culvert, is about 17 feet. – –

The Scotland street Sewer, being in bad repair,
and busted! there is a running stream therefrom, now
flowing in on said piece of land; flooding it over,
on the outside part of the sides referred to. –

This water being impregnated by the sides, then
passes through the Wellington street culvert in to
a pond of water; situated between the Hamilton
and North Western Railway, Wellington street, being
known as "up there" in front of Lands Survey, by
another culvert, that passes under the Railway. –

Water when impregnated with sides in Lands inlet,
forms a dye, which is most deadly and injurious
to the fish there. – –

The fish, stench and nuisance "forming disease" of
the Scotland street sewer; when it enters Lands inlet,
below the Hamilton and North Western Railway
Track, is most injurious to fish, and a standing dis-
grace to the Board of Health, of the City of Hamilton,
and although the danger and disease of Hamilton
have been pointed by Eastern Medical practitioners,
and by others! who residing in the City and the In-
visibly! else nothing has been done to abate such
a dangerous and filthy nuisance. – –

Hamilton, Ont.,
20. October 1884. } – John Wilkes
City Engineer.

Copy

Ch. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston . . . .

Gentlemen, -

The Rev. prayers of Chas. C. and J. Bowne, have frequently petitioned the Council, in reference to the outlet of the Cochituate that town, and up to the present time nothing has been done in the planning of a town at the outlet; this seems the purpose for what it was intended to be by the City Engineer, viz: to keep the sewerage from overflowing the flats, east of the M. & W. Track. - It also turns the sewerage at the time, caused by repulsion by, & flows at the point South, north of the S. Boston Track. - - -

This cause by being by a pipe drain at this point, than at the outlet; consequently when a freshet occurs; the capacity of same by which is by water; is not sufficient to carry off the sewerage by the effect: it discharges at the first Station Immediately and for a distance of, say 150 yards below this: and of course it is plain that the sewerage has no way of getting out to the bay - when it overflows the flats. -

There has been several cases of malarial fever, this year, & fever and ague; and no wonder!! - when we are compelled to have say: two thirds of the City sewerage; placed right in our midst; which is emptied in a Bay so. - - - -

The residents of this part of the City naturally feel alarmed; especially on account of the great amount of sickness that has prevailed among this part of the community. -

Trusting that this petition will be favorable met with action upon, as the prayer of the petitioners. - -

Appended you have the names of persons

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Signers:-

[illegible] M.D. — Jno Lowther. —
[illegible] M.D. — Richard Rowe. —
[illegible] M.D. — Jas. Shields. —
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Hamilton 28.
Oct. 1866. Jas. Lowther.
&c.

W. D. Ogden Esq.
Sidney Cameron
Bronte. Ont.

Copy in ___
Letter Book

Newton, Lincs.
8 October 1810.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Surveyors of Bridges to inform you, that the Bridge to be built under consideration the Court of Sessions of the next Riding — Tilney — the said Bridge you are to give Estimate, Specification & Plan of the same. —

Copy of Estimate herewith for your information. —

Will you please Surveyor at once and make the work, as soon as possible. —

As soon as the work is completed, you to send Certificate & Bill as directed by the Bridges Act. Observe that you to pay for the work, on the completion of same, in a workmanlike manner. —

I send you a copy of Specification, and a Plan of the Bridge specified in the Specification for your guidance. — Please acknowledge receipt. —

I am,
Dear Sir,
Your Obedient Servant —
Clerk of Peace
Tilney Bridge
Thos Jordan Esqre
Hills Road and
Proprietors Surveyor!
Ely.

P.S. The model and Specification are to be taken from off the Estimate to me, when the work is completed. — Yours &c.

Hamilton, Ont.
20. October 1864.—

Dear Sir—

Your letter of the 16th inst. is received. I am glad to see that so many wish to have the Fishery leasing Act. I made out an application for Messrs James Allen, Thomas Sturgeon, and George Dillon of Port Dover, for a Bank limit to fish 2,000 yards of 5" inch mesh white fish gill nets in Lake Erie, between Port Ryerse, and Peacocks point. Have forwarded and sent the same to the deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa! and I recommended the same to be granted; wishing to arrange and deal with you and James Allen! I cannot charge you with the arrangement made; as the application was in Ottawa before I saw you; I was at the Station, it is my duty to write to obtain and they will not obtain the application back in!— I have done the

P.S.

Why! my dear James, you may tell James Allen, for my address is the same as the 16th—

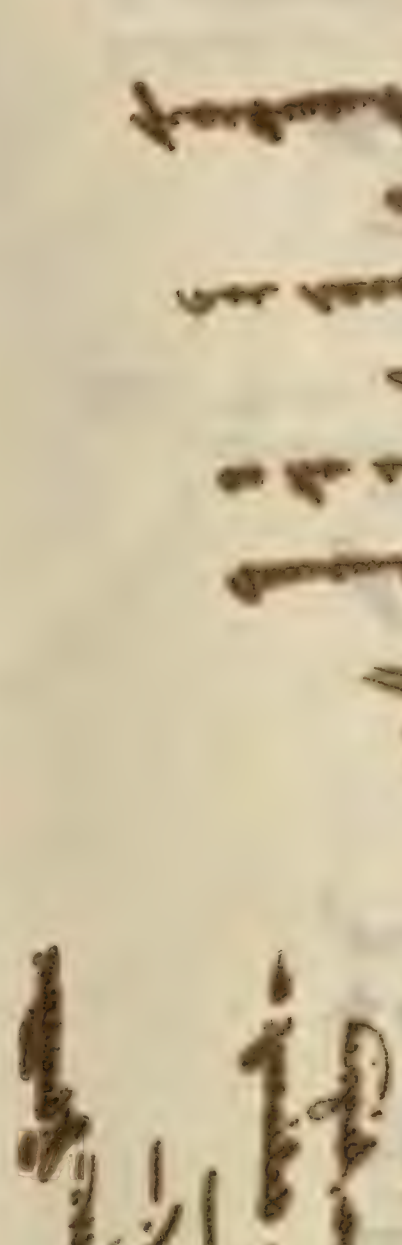
I would not, and I would not recommend the recommend of 16 Limits.—

The 16th was given to the Fishermen in front of Dillons.—

Yours &c.

Wm Wilkinson

Fishery Overseer.



Hamilton. Ont.
21st October 1874. —

Sir

I have to bring to your notice for me, I visited Mr. Jas. Jones, Mr. Jones, and Reporter, on the Lagoon River, Southampton, North Riding of Bruce, and I intended him to proceed with the construction of the Railway, — as per Model & Specification. See copy of my letter herewith, dated 8th October, instant, sent for your information. —

Only this day, I received a reply dated 17th inst. which in the whole is satisfactory to my verbal, and written instructions given and handed to Mr. Jas. Jones, in his first visit on 8th inst. —

In conclusion I beg to report to you, the present state of progress of the Railway. —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. H. Keefer —

Civil Engineer.

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries —
Ottawa. —

Memorandum. —

Mem. Gave receipt
in duplicate, for $53.52 ¢. —

This memorandum, quarter ending
30th September 1874. —

J. H. Keefer —
Civil Engineer.

Hamilton. Ont.
22. October 1874.

Copy. . . .

Sedan Rapids Mills.

Dear Sir. October 17. 1854. . .

I herewith beg to acknowleye the receipt of your instructions to proceed with the construction of a "Fishway" in the Mill Race at Sedan Rapids Mills. - I wrote to Mr. Longstaff the same evening 8th instant, he got here tonight. - Had the needful arrangements to proceed with the construction of the Fishway at once, and push it to completion. - - -

Mr. Longstaff says that if 2' feet is sufficient depth of buckets and backs he can make them of wood; but if they must be 4' feet, you would better send the Boiler Plate. - 4' feet is more than the model calls for. - - You will please advise by Return Mail on receipt of this. - - -

I have a quantity of the material above specified on hand, but as to see about the Labour question; the water in the River still keeps low, and more I hope it will, like we get the foundation in; if we can get that in, we are all right. - -

The outline of the plan of Fishway, will be sent Week in the post. - more time will however be required to survey more specifically than I did while. - - -

Yours Respectfully.

To

John A. Mac Donald Esq.
Minister of Crown Lands
Toronto, C.W.

John Gordon. -

Memorandum! for S. E. Dawson Esq.
Tilsonburg
Ottawa.---

I send for the information of the Deputy Minister the state of progress making in the Tilsonburg Lynedoch Rive Southampton.-- Matters as far as it is concerned begins to brighten up!-

Dear!-

I received the following from Mr. Hamilton! I don't know what it means! — as for any Lumber going.-- — in town my letter dated Ottawa! can give out what is the matter; what is the trouble!-

Copy!-

Hamilton, 20. Oct. 1880.

Memorandum for J. S. Dawson Esq.
Ottawa

Dear Sir,-

The Department at Ottawa are complaining about not receiving completed and duplicate licenses to pass for your deposits with us.-

Please note how at your earliest convenience.--

Yours truly.-

pp. for: Drummond.-

I for as I am concerned, my letters to the Deputy Minister of Tilsonburg, Ottawa! are the Tilsonburg and give the rates I made each remittance.--

Except a spat with Mr. of Hamilton: for putting rates in Lumber Report for portion of B. Report there's in at the end of the Year, brought by summons by my Agent for: Carlisle Esq. J. P. who dismissed the case, there is nothing more.--

Having no any more news, will keep and let my girl keep taught at present in my division of Tilsonburg

Complete

Hamilton. Ont.
22. October 1884.

Sir.-

I beg to report that on the 14th instant. I found Peter Connors, a carter in the employment of the Board of Health, dumping ashes in to the upper end of Lands Inlet,- a portion of Burlington Bay.- I summonsed him up before James Cahill Esq/re M. P.- Police Magistrate.- on the 15th for a contravention of the Fisheries Act. - City of Hamilton!.

The Magistrate - - - adjourned the case, visited the locality with Alderman. Wm. Morgan, Chairman. Board of Health, and a reporter from each of the Local Newspapers.- They made their reports and the Magistrate dismissed the case on Monday last - I attended the Court to hear his decision. -

Memorandum! No: 1,- sent herewith - for your information with fully explain matter to your satisfaction! The dam referred to, is only a few planks nailed on the ege of a Wooden wharf, and which may Confine the plank ashes, and then run in to Burlington Bay amongst the fish; with a misture of lime from the Gas Office Stands.- Slag etc, tarry.- will prove very injurious to the Fish. -

Apart from the Fisheries, I send you No: 2,- the Copy of a Petition - To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Hamilton! signed by fourteen Medical Doctors,- Practioners - asking us then to abate the nuisance. - No: 2. is also attached. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
W. H. Wilkes. -
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries. -
Ottawa! -

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Hamilton, Ont.
22. October 1884.

My dear Sharpe,—

On arriving home here, I reported the sad misfortune that had befallen you to the Dep. Minister! & also recommended that you receive that $50.— a year, your predecessor Mr Bigham got annually from the department Ottawa.—

Encl.—

I received from the deputy Minister a letter of which the following is a copy!—

Department of Fisheries.—
Ottawa 21. October 1884.

Sir.—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of 18th inst. and to state that whilst regretting the accident which has befallen Constable Sharp, I hope it will have no serious results.

The question of increasing his pay will be submitted to the Minister.—

Please see that Mr Sharpe district is not neglected.—

Any additional expenses incurred in this direction will be repaid.—

I am Sir—

Your Obedient Servant

John Tilton

Deputy Minister of Fisheries.—

I may take you on my return to Dover, on last Friday— Frank Jackson paid me $15. license fee. I sent it to Ottawa and got up his license to day.— Wm Allen of Hilton, gave me an order on Mr John Davis, Fish dealer Hamilton for $75. this I have not got yet!

Will you please send me James address.— and I will write

2.

Hamilton, Ont.
Gentlemen. — 22. October 1884. —

I beg to inform you, that I received your letter this day from the Fisheries department, Ottawa! in remitting to me the license fee of $15. dollars, — I take much to you the same together with a copy of the Fisheries act. — This day, — I sent per Mr. Gregory two printed fishery regulations, signed, John Tilton! Deputy Minister of Fisheries!! — for your information and guidance, —

Have I obtain me. —

Yours Truly. —

D. Gillespie

Fishery Overseer.

Messrs Gregory, —
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Let nothing — hinder you much any more; I will carefully manage your district for you. —

I applied, and got up a license for Edward Gregory — James — George Allen, of Port Dover, for the first 2,000 yards of 5" inch mesh, white gill nets, — Return Post Owen Sound Grey point. Lake Erie, — License for $15. —

I close with the hope for the money. Any thing more I can say or do for you — command me. —

Send with my best regards — and kindest wishes for your speedy recovery. believe me ever. —

a friend — and humble servant

Officer. —

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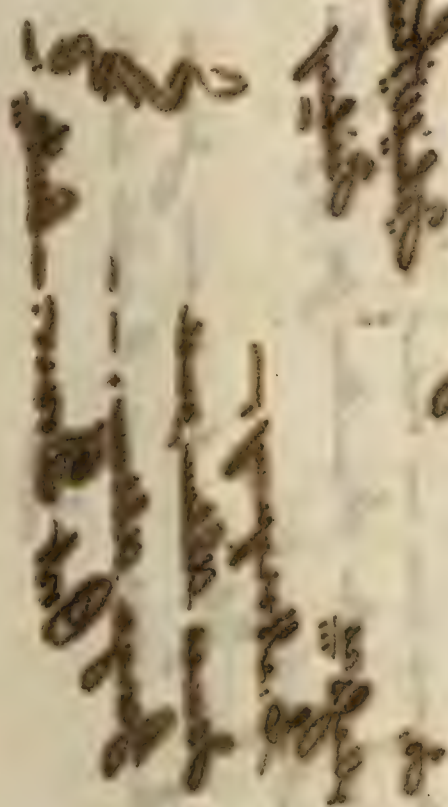
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Memorandum for George Drummond Esqre
Bank of Montreal at Hamilton. —

I find on opening my Letter Book, for year 1884, the following is the way the Memorandum you gave me was disposed of! — Drafts as follows

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1. 31st August 1884 Draft No: 378, — For $1.— was sent to W. H. Whitcher Esqre Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa! on same day: per letter.
2. 5th September 1884, — Draft No: 480, — For $17.— sent per letter, 29th September, to S. D. Barnet Esqre for Minister, Ft. Ottawa. — —
3. 15th September 1884, — Draft No: 484, — For $15.— sent on same day — per letter, to S. D. Barnet Esqre For The Minister, Ft. Ottawa. — — —
4. 8th October 1884. — Draft No: 518.. For $6.— sent on same day, per letter, to S. D. Barnet Esqre for Hon: Minister, Ft. Ottawa. — — —
5. 17th October 1884, — Draft No: 555, — For $15.— sent per letter, on 18th Oct., to S. D. Barnet Esqre Fisheries department, Ottawa. — — —
6. 9th November 1884, — Draft No: 26, — For $24.— sent per letter, on same day — to S. D. Barnet Esqre for Hon: Minister, Ft. Ottawa. — — —
7. 22nd November 1884, — Draft No: 65, — For $10.— sent per letter, on 23rd November, to S. D. Barnet Esqre for Hon: Minister, Ft. Ottawa. — —
8. 26th November 1884, — Draft No: 76, — For $14.— sent per letter, same day — to S. D. Barnet Esqre for Hon: Minister, Ft. Ottawa. —

Hamilton, Ont.
22nd October 1884.

Yours Truly

le protest esp.—

Mr Denis Lucky.—
Cumbell Carpenter.—
Suffolk.—
Sale—

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E. Norgay Esq re
Merchant.—
Port Dover.
Sale—

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For goss and
Partners,—

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Mr John Hunt.—
Dickens,—
Surrey—Sale

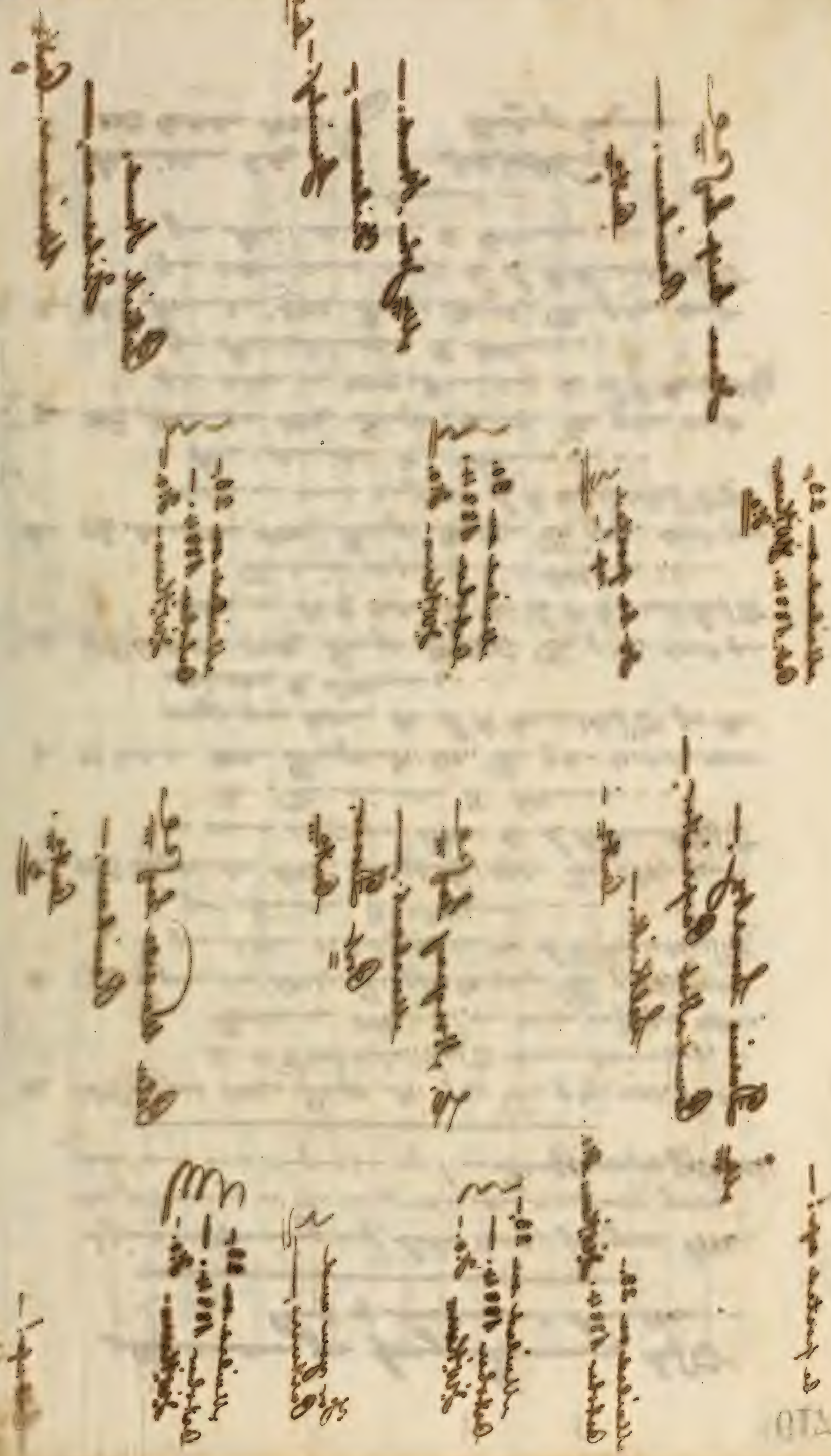
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Peter Hunter Esq re
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Patrick Hunt.
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Mailed on 23rd Oct. 1884. — Lighthouse D.C. —

Post up at Sunday Point, 4

Mailed on 23rd October 1884. — Lighthouse D.C. — 3

Mailed on 30th October 1884. — Lighthouse D.C. —

In the Service 1 —

Mailed on 23rd Oct. 1884. Lighthouse D.C. —

Mr. Frank Jackson, Fisherman, Port Dover, Ont.

Peter Nash Esq Fisherman, Port Dalhousie, Ont.

Henry Sheppard Esq Fisherman, Beamsville, Ont.

Mailed on 23rd October 1884. — Lighthouse D.C. — 5

Mailed on 23rd Oct. 1884. Lighthouse D.C. —

D. W. Post Esq Ile aux Noix, Explanade — Yamaska, —

Edmund Norris Esq Ile Bizard Station Pointe Claire — P.Q.

Mr. Thomas Allingham, Fisherman. — Hamilton Esq. Dumbarton — P.O.

My dear Gordon! Hamilton, 23. Oct. 1884.—

Yours of 17th inst. received! — Just do as you propose!! Make buckets and brakes of wood in two pieces, — 2 feet in depth wide &c!!! — with a sufficient length of wing to form a pound of water above each! — 1" inch to the foot, will be just 4' feet to 48' feet, the length of Fishway, — Make it a good substantial piece of work... Yours, &c. John H. Kerr — Fishery Overseer.

Mr Price
Billingham's

Mr Charles Gordon. —
Esq.
Mr Thos. Mason Insp.
Fishery Service
Port Dover.
Ont.

Hamilton 24. Oct. 1884.

To be posted up!

D. Cameron Insp.
Trader, V. V. — V.

Hamilton 24th Oct. 1884. Fishery Regulations

Put up one in your Brothers, the other in your own Boat House! —

Mr Bolton Insp.
Fisheries —
Niagara —
Ont.

Hamilton 24th Oct. 1884. Fishery Regulations

Hamilton, Ont.
24. October 1884.-

My dear Brother Cameron! -

Your last letter received, - and now for business! -

Will you be pleased to put up the following packages of fish, just before the season closes, and send here by last Boat for Collingwood, Meaford, and Owen-sound! from Killarney - as follows: -

1. Package, ale white fish, lightly pickled, according to your own well known way. - This I want for Ottawa! -

1. Package for Mr. Andrew Gage, of Barton! half trout, and half white fish - send this to my home. -

1. Package of pure lake Trout, lightly pickled for myself, if you approve, half Trout, and half white fish. -

I will collect, and send you money, according to your own terms. - - -

1.

Since 21st of August, on Lake Huron, at Sable River, Southampton Post Office, up to present date! I have had another very disagreable fish on hand! resulting in many reports; similar to my Brother Peter. -

I have many reports, from Brother James Glenn's explanation! and the Ministers decision will be soon known. -

Now this engages up the fishing privilege, - put in the hire Lawyer, at Indian rapids mill; Southampton. -

Now I send you a Keg of mine, in case you dont get well during next week, just let me know what Mr. Cameron has to say on the subject! - Dont fail!!!. I dont succeed, if I write you. that Lyon the Bailiff got as far as Lucky Island, on my way home from Killarney, on Monday morning 8th inst. I took down supplies

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and it was a full month before I got rid of it!— I suffered a good deal! was purged with plenty of water: but my own candid opinion it was Egans Beer!—

It could not be your Oysters! for like the Priest, and Tea leaves,— I only drank the broth!!—

Captain Wilson, our friend is not so well off, he lost £6.000,— in Bank of Upper Canada, when it burst up!..—

I never paid you my [illegible] Cameron a compliment, for all your Kindness to me!— now do say: what you may require from this outside world, before I Emigrate there and I will send it to you.—

I understand a little while ago! there were 30. Boats,— at Rattle snake Harbour,— and they landed during the, during three days! I expect it will be up to at Ottawa.— I sent you your Rebellious Petition!— they received them yesterday, although they are dated 15th of September last.— I sent many M.P. of them, today, to Gibraltar and Jail Authorities in my Division.—

I may tell you I enjoy good health, have had a good deal of running around.— I have never had your Boy & Wilson since I saw him at Killarney,— dear me!.—

Kind Rich Bank, & Montgomery,— I heard occasionally during this current year, how my Killarney friends were! your and [illegible] Cameron, amongst the number..—

I hope this will reach you both! enjoying Gods choicest blessing - good health.— Kindly remember me to my friends Mrs Blake; and Miss Mc'Gee!(Limerick.)

Do not [illegible] my warm regards to them!— and to [illegible] Cameron and your noble self, as to them I thank for all your Kindness to me! in a word, we and - every [illegible] enjoy: believe me your faithful friend, and a Brother.— [illegible]

[illegible] Limerick

[illegible]

George Gordon Esqre.
Mill Owner.—
Indian Rapids Mills.—

Skipp[illegible]
P. Office.—
Near Southampton. Ontario.

My dear Brother Gordon!—

I received your letter of 17th instant, and in reply I sent you a Postal card to day! and in which I directed you to do as you proceed! viz. to Make the buckets or tubes of wood in two pieces securely fastened together at the angle.— 2 feet in depth will do, with sufficient length of wing as per model, to form a good pond of water at each of the 9 Buckets.— when the Turbine is completed and in operation in its place finally fixed in the tube race.——

Have the Buckets so fixed and constructed in the Turbine!— Put on in such way, as to be easily removed therefrom by you every Sale!— any how I leave you to Judge the thing.—

And I wish to impress on your mind, that after the Turbine is put up, you will then have to keep it in repair at your own cost: aided I presume by Mr. Craig.—

This will be so trifling, that I dare say— you will not grudge doing it.

I am satisfied and have every confidence in you and Mr. Longstaff, that from your known ability a good substantial workmanlike Turbine, worthy of you! will be the result of your joint labours so harmoniously begun.—

And with success to your efforts.— and a prosperous and Satisfactory finish to your undertaking!—

Believe me Yours fraternally.—

John Wilkes
Turbine Engineer.

Hamilton. Ont.
24. October 1884.

Geo. Clark Esq.
Brighton. Ont.

Mailed on 25th
Oct. 1884. J.W.K.

Hon. Malcolm MacKenzie Esq.
Belleville
Ont.

Mailed on 25th
Oct. 1884. J.W.K. No. 2

Hon. John S. Macdonald Esq.
Pound Net Proprietor
Brighton.
Ont.

Mailed on 25th
Oct: 1884. J.W.K. No. 3

James Clark Esq.
Fish Dealer.
Brighton. Ont.

Please deliver!

Daniel McLeod Esq.
Fish Dealer.
Southampton. Ont.

Mailed on 25th
Oct: 1884. J.W.K. No.

William Hallowell Esq
Fishery Cove.
Highland Creek.
Co. No

Mailed on 25th
Oct. 1884. J.W.K.

G. W. Mac Intosh Esq
Fish Dealer, Pt. ——
Montford,
½ ⅓ Castle
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Mailed on 25th
Oct. 1884. J.W.K.
No.

List of names of persons Taxed for Public Stations, for which Fish are taken, Highland Creek for year 1884 ending 31st December 1884. To the 10th November 1884.

1.	To John Davis,	Municipal	1.
2.	" John Cummins	do.	1.
3.	" John Foster	do.	1.
4.	" James Blain	do.	1.
5.	" Mrs Thos.	do.	0.
6.	" Mrs Doyle,	Township	1.
7.	" Mrs Perry,	do.	1.
8.	" Mrs Wells,	do.	1.
9.	" Mrs Cameron	do.	1.
10.	" John Lewis,	do.	1.
11.	" Wm Mackereth	do.	1.
12.	" Alexander Robin,	Highland Creek	1.

Mailed on 25th Oct. 1884.

Immediate!.—

Hamilton, Ont°.
25th October 1884.—

Sir.

I Have to report for your information, that I was in Toronto on yesterday! called in to see Mr. John Leckie, No. 40. Front street; who read for me a letter he had just received from Neil McAuley.— Fisherman: and Inspector of Pickled fish, at Southampton Lake Huron, Ontario!—..

Stating that Malcolm MacKenzie — of Southampton. Fisherman! who supplies all the Boat Fishermen at Goderich. Kincardine, Southampton. &c. with their Gill nets annually!! had just ordered large and extensive supplies of 4 5/8 in° mesh nets; and 4½" mesh white fish gill nets — from the Manufacturers in Scotland: as a supply for One and all fishermen of the places named for the year 1885.—.

Malcolm MacKenzie, has been importing these illegal, undersized gill nets, for several years past and supplying Goderich. Kincardine, Southampton Fishermen with the same.— Setting the Law and the orders from your Department at defiance.—

From my recent enquiries made at Southampton — Lake Huron! I have heard and I believe that Lake Huron Fishermen are fully determined to fish these 4 5/8 in° and 4½". mesh mesh! illegal gill nets during next year 1885. in Lake Huron. for White fish. — If the law is not strictly enforced, in 5 years from this! we shall have no white fish in Lake Huron.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries.
Ottawa. —

Memorandums!

To S. P. Rumsey Esq
Indian Department,—
Ottawa. Can.

Your memorandum received this!—I believe
wooden hooks would be answer my well;
Before I had received this!! I had written
to Mr Jones the miller: thus;—"Yours of 17th
received, just as we your propose! make
hooks and hooks of wood in two pieces
jointed at the angle! 2 feet in depth wide
as; with sufficient length of wing to form
a frame above and hooks. &c."—

"And to the foot, with a joint 4 feet,
to 40 feet the entire length of the Fishing".
"Make it as your schedule piece of work,
with no necessity!!!."

Since I received your memorandum I
have written Jones. this more fully.—
I am delighted now, every thing will go
swimmingly except as to Ojibbeway Indians, taking
the Pickerel and Suckers: handling them gently
while lifting them over the buckets &c....
about this; I shall have to consult Mr Dewy.
who is familiar. for many years past with the
habits of the settlement; and when he has been
asking and trading for many years past:—
always making sure at the annual settlement,
when the Indians are their gratuity, to bring
them all in his debt!. The last time I met
Dewy—was on the Notre Dame mountain,
$9.000.- dollars,—

I shall have another shot with Brighton,
the Indian Agent; about getting for you a cage
of Ojibbeway Indians. he dip not, not the girl. But
then now the time! except Dewy, of Dewy
can not be got to go into the business. I
would advise you not to embark in any
such enterprise!— The fishing now in
its prime: Mr. Indian agent! Matthews &
Billy Ritchie &c. are happy. I am
also fortunately not. I must stop now
to see to have you smoking!— &c

I have up! since you dispose of the funds that are against Cheltenham. 12 inch trunk:
2 pair of 50 mm tools @ 6.75 f. being left with the Clerk, on a good representation of performance to be by you. —

Copy of Letter I sent you. I omitted, after the 2nd mm dispose of. — There is no person more principally for my guidance but the Victoria Act rules, regulations and your Name. — Be ready at 9 prec. in your office! if I have nothing! I am — pleasing please!! — Be here always here at the point of the Regent's. —

Outside of the Gibbon, the Name of Smith may not in any place. . . .

I have received packages of Tea from Mr Ellis. Note from the Depty Sheriff, I sent 2/6 of them away! the various places, Gibbon —, and Smiths. — Mr Tea from you! for supply for Cheltenham Court! —

I apply Envy — for Stamp of Envy — for under 1/2 oz. — please send 2 of the

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that time. I expect the Court (Lady Hayes) with the Clerk! — The Name on getting under. I may as well take for Gibbon Smith: by making for further enquiries! I have instructions for keeping my expenditure with this Gibbon! I do see the same fact done as a good business. thanks to you my Friend for your enquiry in the matter, and in my behalf always. —

Mich

reference to your communication! — You should have enquired in the matter of Gibbon Smith case. — It was a business property belonging to the Name of Smith, and the Clerk objected any property connected with it. I may say by the by, my son has no connection with the Gibbon Smith case! it was entirely upon your part a mark of favor. — I suppose on a point of Gibbon Smith under cover the upper 1/2 of Smith Gibbon. — I do not expect the Clerk objected under consideration. I have my duty and done satisfactorily. — This is the first case

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Hamilton, Bda.
27th October 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply to you for permission to open Shooting Ground in Hamilton Bay: during the 10th day of November next, to the 10th day of December following. There is now an abundance of Shooting in Hamilton Bay. No note of any Kind, is permitted to be fired therein under licences.

I apply thus early in order that persons applying for the privilege may be apprised in time, so as to enable them to hunt up! and procure Boats, and Light wood. I propose that each Boat containing two men! a Spearer and Punter shall pay one Dollar each, for the privilege.

I do presume that you will be pleased to grant the privilege.

I may here also apply to you for permission to open in Hamilton Bay, as soon as Leave there: May from 1st January, to 15th April 1885, for Geese, Duck and Shooting, at the usual rate of $1.00/. for each person. Those persons who pay for opening an open water; to enjoy the privilege of opening the Ice: without any additional dollar.

I recommend this matter also for your consideration and approval. and will you be pleased to send me 100. Blank opening licences.

I have the Honor to be.
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant.
H. W. Rowe
Police Magistrate

The Hon. the
Minister of Finance
Hamilton Bda.

Hamilton, Ontario,
27th October 1864.

Dear Sir

I have to inform that on Friday last in the City of Toronto, by appointment, I met Commissioner Simmons of Buffalo Creek, and we received the Treaty Money for which Pink and Johnson Bird gave their Receipt of your address for distribution. That the Indians in Buffalo Creek, they are the nearest Band first of that sort...

But you, seeing the whole opening proceedings Simmons produced the first in Buffalo Creek I like that I wrote with you, and mention if he would attend to the protection of the whole this Fall. I enclose the notice for your information... We are not quite willing without further your further opening to this city.

I remain Dear Sir to be your most obedient Servant, Yours truly Sir, Your Obedient Servant, Peter Hunter, Indian Agent.

To The Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Toronto.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
29. October 1884.

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 583. for the sum of Twenty five dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: -

1. Joseph Gabriel Sr^{r}. and Joseph Gabriel Jr^{r}. For licence to fish Machaw in Niagara River at Queenston Heights received and delivered! amount is: - $ 10.00 ct.

2. Thomas Sheppard. Queenston: For a Seine hauling licence in the Niagara River: at Queenston, received and delivered! Balance in full! - $ 5.00 ct.

3. Joseph Wade. Ridgeway. For a Boat licence to fish gill nets in Lake Erie: between Point Abino, and Windmill point! amount is, - $ 5.00 ct.

4. Messrs. Allan Bros. Ridgeway. James Allan; and George Allan, of Fort Erie: For a Boat licence. to fish 2.000 yards of white fish gill nets. 5" inch mesh, extension measure, in Lake Erie; between Fort Erie and Peacock point, Ont. - Sent you money order ct^{o}. - $ 5.00 ct.

Total. - $ 25.00 ct.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. —
W. H. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. - - -

Hamilton. Ont.
31st October 1884.

Dear Sir,—

Yours of 30th without me
duly received!... My charge was $5.
and also the number of years of pris
ner you intend giving! I will apply
at once for a short license for
you and let you have this license
immediately....

Any other persons who
wish to get a license for the sale
can have it by sending me $5. a
license for, and the number of years
of sale note they intend giving, and
I will forward the to get license..
I may say to you for the information
of some Citizens of Hamilton that after
1st of December next, regulations will

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be more strictly enforced....
Send me your money per receipt..
I send you a printed Application—
for your information and guidance.—
and oblige me!—

Yours Sincerely.—
A. Wilkes—
Bishop Coadjutor.—
Hamilton, Ont.

Rev. Father.—
Hamilton. Ont.—

Rev. Father—
Hamilton. Ont.

James Webster Esq
General Superintendent
St. and A. M. for Northern Canada
Toronto.

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Hamilton, 31. Oct. 1884.-

My dear Alex Isbell! — Your telegraph received! John Davis, wants no more fish from you! until after Xmas season!" —.

Do answer the your questions! you must use your own Judgement, be guided by the Law!! after sending you and other Dealers, such Circulars! Public Notices!! signed John Tilton, deputy Minister of Fisheries!!! - I do not now wish to advise you! if I was to do so; and things were overstepped; I would be able to blame -; Treasa them! - suppose, Davis wanted fish, - and they got here - Saturday night at 10. p.m. - they remain at Railway, until

Monday morning; unless he was at the Train and received the fish. at Station on its arrival: then well and good: if not, trouble and vexation is most sure to follow! —

The Trains on Cross Lines, Western, and Manitoba Railways are sure to be examined ale most week; and if Trout or white fish are found, they will be seized! Sure the last week fish on the Clipper — and I would much sooner see you make $1000. — than lose 1 of. — The close season, is only for 8 days, anyhow. —

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I have personally no power to do what you want me! — There is only 2 sides, to what you suggest, the right side! and the wrong side! I would advise your self and respected friend to hold on to that which is right, and I will endeavour to do the same! —

and with Kind regards — and best wishes for your welfare and prosperity! Believe me, Yours Truly!

Hamilton, Ont.
31. Oct 1884.

Tilton Esqr.

Hamilton, Ont.
1st November 1864.—

Dear Lizzie

Your letter of 27th ultimo!
received this afternoon, on my return from
Port Dover. Like this!—

You say!—I must do half an inch
thin against the Bottom, for fishing—
My friend, you all around it."...

And why Kitty will be sorry to do
anything on my fish net lines!"—

In reply I may here tell you, that if
the Bottom, Foot Bottom: or Cheese
Bottom! have for fishing gill nets
with the lines running in your
this lines (except by your permission)
they are liable to a fine of £10 sterling
each, and the confiscation of fishing

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appearance in court, and the fish taken
or caught by them!—

Why do Kitty to mention 10 of the
Bottom net....—

Have you a Book Lines for fishing
gill nets below Stephenson point
on the 6th Nov for year 1864?—

I am certain you have not! with
the Bottom! nor any of the
Boat nets for net fishermen of Niagara
for the Boat Lines (except me) since
for year 1864, either from Stephenson
point to the Niagara River!...—

You can take up the Bottom, for
fishing gill nets, without a License: if
you are in distance: and I write the
proper the Law, on the subject....
Sub section 2 of section 7 of the
Fisheries act! says! That gill nets shall
not be set within two miles of any
fishing ground"— 2

I am sure this Law is very clear!—

Mr. Kirby has read the Law having you seen already in his own possession, for I have myself given him the Copies of the Statute Act.—

As as regards the complaints you make against John Colton, Esq.—I cannot see Lyon Wilson Kirby, J.P. V.C.—any thing more! he has nothing of law nor not substantiated by evidence produced on your part, to convict!—one witness is fair! and by proof of oath, and both were in contradiction of the Statute Act! he was discharged, honorably—fair, on fair oath—and proceedings in Hearing against the Statute Act!!—make out another for your opinion gentlemen.——

You can have this letter for

Wm Kirby Esq. J.P. V.C. V.C.
me by reading the Law to me the Act.—& your complaint is how the Law I am with for the purpose of Hearing...

I am sorry at present to deny the favorable fiat we have Lord, from being more able than I am! I could more—! as an Example and a Lesson—to be made use that may deem of Strangers visitors of the Colony [illegible] with Mr. Colton against the Mr. Colton and Self.

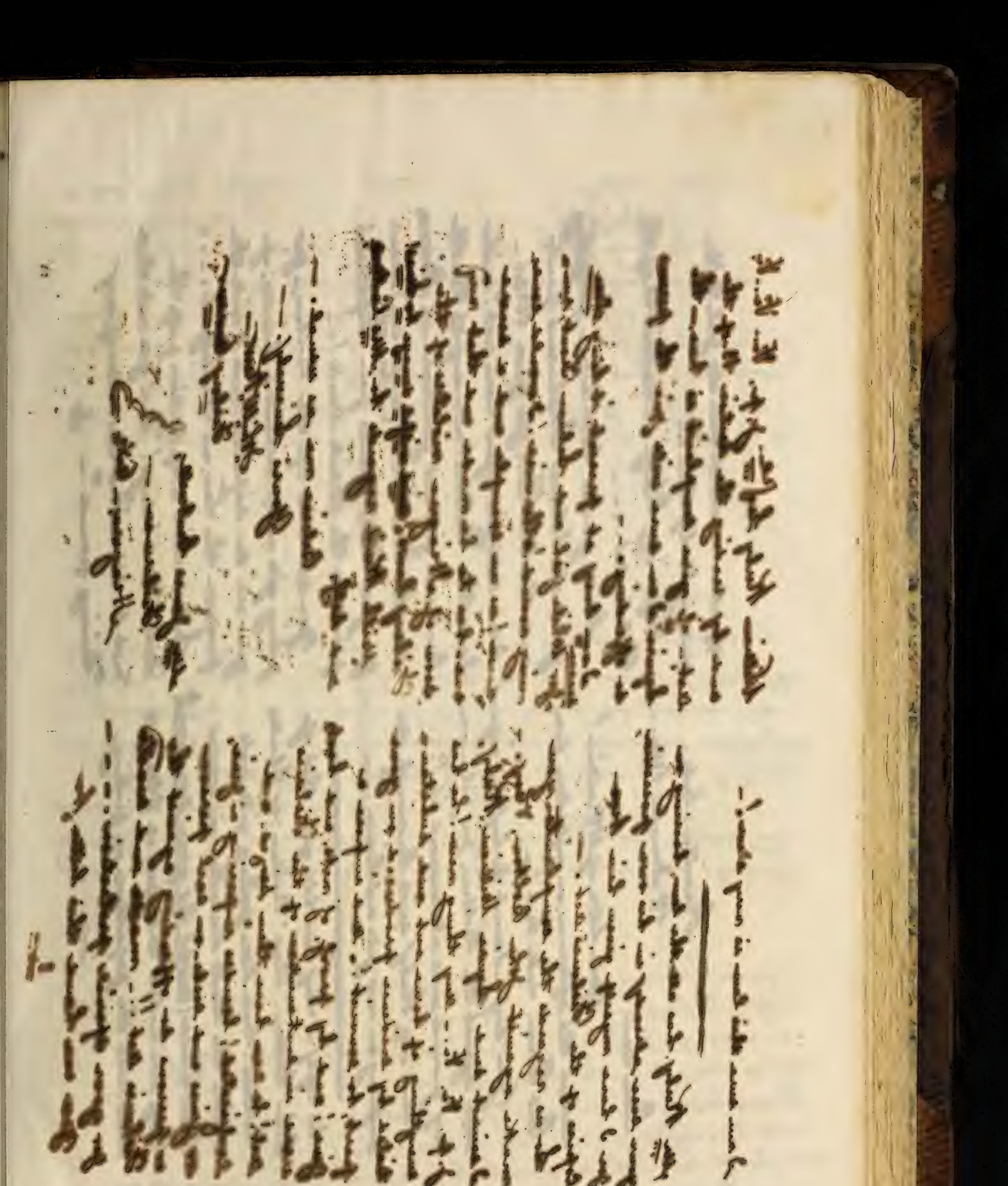
Believe me as usual.—

Yours Sincerely.—

J.L. Kerr—

Lieut. [illegible]

Mr. James Roberts,
Kildare.—
Niagara—C.W.



Hamilton, Ont.
3rd November 1884.

Sir,
I have the honour to send you Bank draft
No: 2. for the sum of $ Five dollars.
Also your pheasant
enclosed you. as follows:
1. Case to Mr. Montgomery, Jr.
of Port Dover, as below
the field 2.000 Brace of
made in Lake Erie, between
point; already received

Sir...

Hamilton. Ont. Office,
Canton.
3rd November 1884.

Dear Sir,
Will you please give
Lemuth - Topp of Collin" you Kindly
let me have, on Sunday the 19th
October last. - -
I have to apologize for the
trouble I have given you, by re-
taining it so long. -
Believe me! -
Yours respectfully. -
J. Hilliker -
Sidney Cowan.
Hamilton Division.

To Deputy
Minister of Fisheries -
Ottawa.

James Sweetlove Esq.
137. Macauley street. -
Hamilton. Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
3rd November 1884.

Sir.—

I have to apply to you for a Boat licence, for Benj. Borland, of Beverly, for to fish 4,000 yards of twine, one Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the townships of Nelson, and Trafalgar; during this current year 1884.

The amount is to be Five dollars.

The licence is to extend from the beach, in front of the townships given, outwards in the Lake, for a distance of six miles.—

Please insert the protection clause in licence.—

I have the honor to be,—

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant,—

J. L. Whitton

Deputy Collector

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.

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Memorandum! To S. B. Rowett Esqre
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa! —

Many grateful thanks to you for your kind attention to me from time to time. — —

Copy of letter sent by the deputy to Malcolm MacKenzie Southampton received:

why! my dear Sir he is quite a young man, and a right good fellow! but that is neither here nor there in the present case! for I am bound to help you in all your laudable pursuits!! —

There is a great deal too many fish being caught in Georgian bay, — and the losses, I hear are enormous! D.W. Coat himself told me some time ago: that the Firm of Coat, Cook and Robbins had lost $2.000 — by fishermen fishing 40 miles from Killarney. Miles away from the Holes they had put in — so as they getting back to Killarney for to ship the fish to Buffalo market! — Under

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another attorney. Just received, and attentively opened altogether; one Two nights of them I leave for your authority at Port Dover: on Friday last here to be thrown away. I regret to tell you, to the extent of $ 18.000. instead of $2.000. —

In the 10th section, I have the following words from the Statute, fish under, except! —

Wm Kerr. Killarney Cranes Hamilton! —

Fish caught tomorrow, can we ship Saturday morning six o'clock Train for Hamilton and Buffalo! can you get them there for me. — — To which I replied!! — by letter: — "Your telegraph received, John Doe, meet no more fish from you until after Xmas days."

I assure to you gentlemen, you must see your own fish ground, be guided by the law! after sending you over the duties and fishermen: Killarney! signed John Doe.

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deputy minister of Victoria !!- I do not envy, wish to advise you ! if I was to do so, and things were mattapan: I would be ate to blame. - Enough then ! suppose Dennis wattle surf - and they get here on saturday night at 10. p.m. - they remain at Railway until monday morning: unless he was there at the train, and received the girl at the station on its arrival, then well and good; but if not, trouble first: and confusion is sure to follow. —

The trains on Owen Sound, Whitby and perhaps Railways are due to be superintendent next week: and if Trout, or white girl are found: they will be seized! hence the loss, would fall on the shipper; and I would much sooner, lose you make $1.000, - than lose, 1/- The above season is only for 8 days, anyhow. I have frequently, - no power to do, what you want me: - Then on many occasions, to what you suggest; the right side, was the wrong side: I would advise you, respectable and respectable firms, to keep on to that while it is right; and I will endeavour to do the same. And with this request, and best wishes for your welfare and prosperity. — I am, Yr. Ever. -

P.S. I shall, on show this to young Abbott if he likes ! but you'r face - has had a good time!

Two more girl have been caught altogether, this year; Gill bought for 4½ p. a pound; at Kilkenny, - sold in Toronto, for 2 p. per lb. the shuttle - have been glutted, particularly with Trout, — I believe I would be safe in saying to you, there is 100, Trout, in the Huron, and Georgian Bay, - for the 1. white girl - you will find or hear them !. -

The name of one this is now known to you ! - Smoke rings 4". 4½" and 4 7/8" inch pipe not, - altogether too a twilight tube ! Flow sweet, - too short, and never kept, even short as it is ! - That Notes Lower, has done infinite harm to Intemperance Pilgrims, in their endeavours to establish the Station, - have been waiting one fish, willing any distance to accomplish

I saw also the Capt. at fish-house, had a chat with each about "Thos. Evans"? — got back here again at noon on Saturday! — from 2 p.m. on Thursday until 7 p.m. it rained incessantly. —
This trip was made by me for Genl. D: Lamp. — I know of nothing new in that locality, except that next year application for more Capt. Nat. Hatcheries will be made to Department, Ottawa. — —

I did not see the Sleep. he is much better and improving. — I had a letter from him on Thursday last, — I wanted him to come and here this it is 2 miles to. — from the door, — but my clothes were wet, — and he left on Saturday morning early: and he never the matter, I was tired. —

I must know to the fishermen, however! that I would look over the Sleep's division while he got all O. K. — again. —

Thank many for this long, and dull letter. — I am your most obliged. —
Humble Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Nov. 1874. Wilfrid Campbell —

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this!. so as to be one with the Fishermen who are fishing at home; you might say, at their own door. — but fishing is fishing is fishing! and bad!

Now! my last prize, from the statistics, to regulate this! and for Heavens sake, I beg, I pray — and I beseech of you do it, and keep doing it!! I hope it is not yet too late! — The fish Hatcheries, except in the Detroit River! where Americans are very strong in this Branch of Science and art, — have done precious little towards the propagation of our Lakes! — This year, I have not heard of a single salmon been caught by any fisherman, in my division — — —

The Fry, when hatched out, should be returned to the waters from whence the Eggs were first taken. — Except Burkett Lake, — I have heard of no other increase this year. — I saw of from here on Friday morning, the Red deer 45 miles. — Then from there to Penetanguishene, Canada 50 miles, — and back to Red Deer, again 50 miles, —

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Copy.—

Hamilton. Ontario.
12. October 1879.—

Sir.—

I have to report, and it is with extreme regret, that I do so:— That on the 27th. of August last, Conductor D.M. Sharp, of Port Arthur, Lake Sup: in County of Thunder Bay, was very seriously injured by his "Driving machine"— while unloading same, from off a waggon. falling on his right leg: in so falling a compound fracture! badly breaking it above the ankle!: both bones, the ends of one bone protruding through the flesh, which makes the case still more serious!— he is still unable to be out of his bed; his progress to recovery is slow but sure! I did not know about the accident, until after my arrival at Port Arthur, on yesterday. —

I went; and saw him! the affairs of his own division; seems to be in a fair and satisfactory state: I told him to make his case comfortable until I hoping anything might, in his favour, write to the same letter again to his former good friend: and was again able to assure his entire calm... Mr. Conductor Sharp, is a good man, in his position as Conductor, and in consequence of the sad calamity that has now befallen him! I beg again to recommend that his annual salary be $250,— same as his predecessor. —

He has had the Doctors in attendance visiting on him! I met Doctor Kennedy, from Thunder at his house on yesterday. who explained the circumstances, and the difficulties; that he put a better practice accustomed in splicing the broken leg. —

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant
Wm Hamilton Agent

The Deputy
Minister of Marine.
Ottawa.

Thanks dear Lizzy for
Sibley Cousins. —
Best Regards,
Yours,

My dear Lizzy! —

Yours received. I am glad to hear from you myself, that you are getting on so well as on the expected! — You must not be uneasy about your division — I will look after it for you! — Be first fine morning at 7.15. a.m. left Hamilton for Port Louis. there with a sweet Train — down to the Iron Line between Rivière and South Bay — on the Siding there you will be after about seven; see also your Cousin not Widower! Write to them about the Thing Dear? I don't apprehend any difficulty of the Division not happening in your division. —

Dear Aleen Jenny Allen and Mr Bellingham — Port Louis — applies for a Book Licence the first 2.00 years for

which you will get. — Tell Mrs Bellingham Port Louis and Cousin Jenny — I got the Book Licence for which they gave me £16. — I sent the money to the expenditure — Thanks Jenny — give me £1. I sent it when the expenditure; you know me sent it to him. —

Ah! my dear Lizzy is for you to be your advantage! to you must not give yourself uneasiness! —

I must tell you the Expenditure have a good opinion of you, and my dear I am sure not have it any. —

I send you a copy of the report I made to the expenditure in your case! —

I telegraphed J. F. Hyde, Port Louis, to see to Clara, on the 7th of the first fine morning last, he did not come, he is busy — I made him you not come — Saturday morning last, but I was not sure this night Tuesday morning — Dear Hamilton, Port Louis —

8 Oct 18[illegible]

Copy.

Southampton,
November 4th 1884.

Wm Hay.
Fisheries
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

I have tonight received a letter from Ottawa from the Superintendent of Fisheries in the which I see your name on the left hand corner of the letter, stating that the Department was advising that I have sent for a large quantity of fine mesh of 3½" and 4" mesh meshed to Goderich for to supply the Fishermen on Lake Huron. —

At the time I sent for some mesh of that many size mesh but calculated to use the most of them myself. — —

The next instant I was going to call, but as soon as I got the letter last night, I at once sent a public message to Goderich to cancel the message for the present, but I have no doubt, but quite a lot of the nets are made. — Under the circumstances I am at a loss what to do in the matter. — As I thought it advisable to write to you and have your view of the matter, as I for one has more confidence in the present administration, than that they want to ruin the Fishermen.

Let me assure you, Wm Hay as a friend, the day that Fisherman has to use larger mesh than 4½ inch in Lake Huron, that a Fisherman then cannot make a living as fishing as it is at present, they are on the first stage of poverty. —

I also want to draw your attention to these facts, that these men which preaches up the 5½ inch mesh, are working for selfish motives —

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as they are now which keeps fish off the grounds as you are aware, that is the reef they are in the Fairfax Reef. —

I am sorry that I was not at home, when you were here, as I think I could put more business in you in this matter than was done. —

Please write to me and let me Know what is the best course to take. Hoping to hear from you by return of Mail, — I remain, —

Yours respectfully. —

Signed, — Mark [illegible]

"Printed Fishing Licence!"

Benjamin Dorland. —

Fisherman. — — —

K. K. K.

Brooke.

Mailed on the
13th November,
1884. — Hill House P.O.

Annie Dorland
Brooke

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
4th November 1884.—

Sir.—

With reference to my report to you of the 25th October, regarding 4 7/8"- and 4½"-inch mesh gill nets! as—Malcolm McKenzie, of Southampton,—Lake Huron.—

And your subsequent letter dated 28th October 1884, to Mr Malcolm McKenzie. Fisherman,—Southampton.—Ont.—copy—sent to me by department.——

I have now the honor, to submit for your information,—the copy—of a letter, touching this matter, I have just received from Mr Malcolm McKenzie, with reference to your letter to him of 28th ultimo, and I agree with Mr McKenzie, that my name is on the upper left hand margin, of this letter you sent him! for it is on the copy—you sent me! thus: X^{Hew} ..

This however, is neither here, nor there!.—And now for the point in view.———

On the 22nd of August last, I visited Southampton,—Lake Huron; by your orders, and from that date, to this! I have carefully—and correctly reported to you everything appertaining to the Fisheries.—Fish.—licenses fees and gill nets.—F. F. of Overseer—James Muir's, division—Port Elgin,—and—to some extent.——

One of the first things I discovered, when I visited Southampton was, that Overseer James Muir, apprised a fisherman or the fishermen: as I was told, that he had received a circular from the Fisheries department, Ottawa! about the size of the mesh in gill nets—and he was not going to enforce it.—

If this statement be correct,—why it is a violation of Overseer—James Muirs—Oath of Office.——

It is doubtful, if Overseer—Muir—made known to fisherman of his division, beyond what I tell you

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.——

above! that gille nets.- under 5" inch mash,- would not be allowed to be fished for Trout, and white fish, during the year 1885!- Malcolm McKenzies letter to me, is silent in this matter . - -

All the fishermen on Lake Huron, are well supplied at this present time; with 4 3/8". - and 4 1/2". inch mash, gille nets,- nearly new gille nets,- many of them stripped of leads, and corks.- dried.- put away carefully, at the end of last August! when the fishermen abandoned white fish, fishing for 5. 5 1/2, and 6" inch mash Trout gille net fishing . - - intending as a matter of course to commence again next spring; and fish these 4 3/8". - and 4 1/2". inch mash, then over again !!. - until fished out altogether - - -

The fishermen, are to blame, for committing contraventions of the law! - but how much more is Overseer James Muir,- a sworn officer, to blame- for permitting them . - - -

I have not seen Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, the writer of the letter herewith, for 5 years,- but my opinion is, you will be favourably impressed with this Fisherman, on reading his letter . . . I have a good opinion of him, myself. - For he will connect - nothing! truth will out! . . -

It is a most critical state of mismanaged affairs,- into which of Overseer.- Patton, and Over James Muir, have run the Fisheries act, rules and regulations of the department in Georgian Bay,- and Lake Huron . - -

I have to report, that I am in possession of every thing in connection with Georgian Bay.- and Lake Huron, Fisheries,- that McKenzie refers to in his letter . - - He requires nothing! -

I submit every thing, for your forethought and consideration! Mr. Bauset is most familiar with them, and he can post you! - For he is in possession of ep

It will be a loss, to Lake Huron - fishermen, they are not able to bear, if you compel them to destroy good sown gille nets, illegal under sized. - - However, I would most

respectfully recommend, that you answer, Malcolm McKenzies letter to me; make him toe the mark. — If you can do it, without making it a case of oppression.

In consequence of the bad managed state of affairs, — the fishermen, many of them - are poorer to day, than ever they were before. —

I report in connection with McKenzies letter, that Lake Huron fish, are all bought and sold by weight. —.

Whilst Georgian Bay, — fish, are bought at so much a piece; that is 8 ℔. is paid by the Buyers — for each fish, be the fish, 3. 6, 10 — or 20, - pounds each, its price is only 8 ℔, - but the buyer in Georgian Bay, - then sells, - by weight, - and scarcely ever under 4 ℔. a pound. -

A rule for buying and selling fish by weight, if approved of, and adopted by you will give general satisfaction. -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. - Ont°,
15. November 1884. —

My dear Sir. —

If your friend Mr Tinsley, desires to continue fishing - please send me the usual license fee. - I will then send it to Ottawa apply, and get up your license and forward to you! - Do this at once. - - - -

Asa Bearss Esq
V. V. V.

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Private & confidential!

Hamilton, Ont.
5th November 1884.—

My dear Brother McKenzie.—

I am in receipt of your letter of 1st instant.— The reason why my name appeared on the upper left corner of your letter - thus X Hon. was, that the department - sent me a copy of the letter - you received from the deputy Minister, and I find my name on it, just as you describe to me.—

I approve of what you done, when you received the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, - letter.— You showed your sound good sense — getting the letter from Ottawa! By telegraphing to Scotland, to stop making 4⅞", and 4½" inch mesh gill nets, - for the present.—

Since the day - you drove me from

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P.S. I mean when the confidence - failure in me! — Hon.

Burke's Hotel to Dennys dam, — Musquash - Lawlor's Mills, - at Killbuck, and off up to Quiley - where we parted! — I have always had a warm brotherly regard for you.—

On receipt of your letter, I made a copy of it - and sent it off with a few words from myself to the deputy Minister of Fisheries - Ottawa.— I asked the deputy to answer your letter to me! I spoke well of you to him! - I told him too, - Lake Huron - fishermen, - had large quantities of good - sound - 4⅞" - and 4½" inch mesh - gill nets - still on hand - shipped of lands, - and corks, - dried, - and carefully put away at the end of last August - until next spring - when! if not permitted to fish them; it will be a serious loss, - to L. Huron fishermen, they are not able to bear, — if you could

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Immediate!—

Hamilton, Ont.
5th November 1894.—

Dear Sirs!—

Your letter of 27th October
recently received by me
& could see me to do
thing for you!— Think
me that notice your
with! do this immediately.— Delay
Secretary!— Leave me
my home address
Queen street. Put
Queen street, Hamilton
Ont. Hoping
Lake Simcoe
that will
time in doing
Address me,—

Yours &c.

F. H. Carey,
Hamilton, Ont.

Immediate!—

James Muir,— is Fishing Canoe — on Lake Huron,—
and as you — must have charge of Big Island — fishing
land over there at once,— license — or receipt you may have
got from him.— It will uphold your right to be there,
as a licensed fisherman!— paying his license money for
the privilege of fishing!... I Etc you are in a position
to do this!—

Yours &c.

F. H. Carey,
Hamilton, Ont.

P.S. Also send me the
name of person who served you
with the notice to leave and remove
your Canoe, and Campers shop— Hamilton, Ont.

Memorandum for S. P. Bennett Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa,— Ont^o^.

relative to Mr^c^Kenzies— letter;— copy sent to The Deputy Minister of Fisheries, by me on the 4th^th^ instant! must now convince you. how trifling Overseer James Muir's efforts— are! to carry out your Orders. for fishing 5" inch mesh gill nets— in Lake Huron;— during the coming year of 1885.—

Mr^c^Kenzie disguises nothing he has done!— I told you at the commencement of these enquiries: that if I was able to see Malcolm Mc^c^Kenzie. he would tell me every thing about Overseer Muir and his Lake Huron. Division.—

As soon as I hear from Mr^r^ George Gordon! about the progress he is making with the Fishway!— I intend going up to Southampton. and I will then see Malcolm Mc^c^Kenzie. he will tell me everything; and you shall hear it.

Meant sparing for Herring in open water— Burlington Bay— this fall?—

will you please grant it! several persons are applying for the privilege. I recommend the matter for adoption by The Deputy Minister of Fisheries.—

And then! you will please send me 100, blank spearing licenses.— I have destroyed— those not used:— I had that were signed in blanks.— by Mr^r^ W. F. Whitcher.—

Yours respectfully,—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont^o^.
7. November 1884.

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Hamilton, Ont.
8th November 1884.—

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: 28. for the sum of Ten dollars.———

Will you be please to apply this as a Boat Licence for the balance of this current year! Viz!:—
1. W. A. Hollands. Port Credit.—"For a Boat Licence to fish 5000 yards of Herring, white fish and Trout gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the township of Toronto! and to extend outwards, in front of same, for a distance of 8 miles in to the Lake."—

White fish and Trout gill nets to be 5½ inch mesh, and upwards.— Please insert protection clauses in licence, and send me for delivery, when convenient.—

I have the Honor to be,—
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant.—
Thos. W. Keefer.—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

One printed Boat
Fishing Licence!
for year 1884,—

Thos. W. Keefer. P.O.

Mailed on the
15. November 1884,—

Mr. Wm. Hollands.—
Fisherman.—
Port Credit
Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
8th November 1884.--

My dear Uncle John !!!--

Yours of 6th instant reached me, I would have replied on yesterday, but I had to go to Port Credit.....

I am glad to learn you have taken two Acres of land at Lakeside Home Lots! west of Dexter Stephenson's, township of Niagara.

I may tell you my friend, I know the Place very well, a nice locality!--

And you say:-

"I wish to know, if I may have the privilege of having my boiling ground at that Point opposite Lakeside Home Lots?"

And - reply I beg to say to you with pleasure! - that you may on receipt, commence boiling there... As soon you and friend wish. The Whitmores picked there!-

And caught fish in abundance, I was within 19 years, since I took charge of Niagara fish.

The first time, I am in Niagara, - I will come out there and see you!-

I am quite familiar with the place you speak of! I have been there often....

The Whitmores kept Bush, - the Bushes there, when I first knew the place, and for a few years afterwards.---

I suppose on getting this, New place! - you dont want the small river ground! - nor big Lime ground, any more after this year:- You can have privilege of Lime, and fish net - fishing - for one licence fee of $5.- annually. - With my Kind regards, - And my best wishes. - for your Success and prosperity. Believe me Uncle Joe, - Yours Sincerely, -

D. Whitmore -
Dairy Farmer.

D. Whitmore, Esqre, -
Niagara, - Ont.

Hamilton. Canty.
10. November 1814....

Mydear Peter.-

many thanks for the key of cards! in which I am joined in thanking you by Mrs and family.- The cards were both good and fair

Will you be pleased to procure for me, before the season ends, about 12. pair of your choice cards.- I will pay you for them!-

Except to get a letter last 2nd spring from Mr Whitaker, I have had no communication from home since...

I have been kept pretty busy since last August up on Lake Huron!- straightening up little matters.- I was at Mackinaw last spring- & went up there from there to Drummond Island, Sault Ste Marie, and back to Fort Gloucester again.- Home here again- on Saturday morning.-

You have heard of Cameron, I dare say, breaking his leg! I have to assist and give him a helping hand; until he is restored to his former self.- It was a bad dangerous break, both bones of the right leg broken above the ankle....

I am in good health, and spirits- my Christian and benevolent friend Peter.-

Our family are all enjoying the blessing... I hope you, Mrs Peter, your daughter, the Captain and Miss Anne and all the rest of your family are enjoying the blessings of this life.-

When the time arrives!- I hope to be enabled to get up upon returns and report in a neat business manner...

With Kind and sincere regards- in which I am cordially joined by Mrs Kerr & family.- Believe me as ever- and for ever.-

Your faithful friend.-

Peter Chas Esqre
Long Point, Talbot

J. Kerr
Lieut Comm.

[illegible] 1884.

My Dear! Dearest Jessie! -
Just one line to tell you
how anxiously I am waiting for
the Telegram to tell me that
the Deputation of Citizens of
Edinburgh have arrived safely
and that I shall see you
soon! - I am very busy
writing letters to the
Press, and to my friends
in Edinburgh, and I
am preparing to write your last letter.
to me - for the Edinburgh Depart-
ment. Oh! how I am praying and
trusting in God, to shield you
from all danger, by sending
Him the Deputation safely to
me again! ...

Oh! Jessie, I am pleased to write to you
in English! but I am so afraid
I shall not be understood! ...

I have had a very busy day
today! but no news yet!!! -

I have had a letter from Lord Rosebery
from Mentone! Lord Dufferin is going
to Constantinople, then I have a letter
from Gladstone, then I have a letter
from Lord Kimberley, to you, and
one from Lord Granville, to you, and
one from Lord Rosebery

Private.

Memorandum for S. C. Kennedy Esq
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! —

My dear Friend! —

I sent you this day by Express - a 5 gallon Keg of wine. . . .

I hope you will enjoy it - give some to your esteemed sister! Doctors say - it is better than medicine . . . .

Most delightful weather in this part of Canada! - I have just seen Paddy Hand - of Niagara - fisherman, - Lake Ontario and he has promised to get me some White fish - by next thursday morning, weather permitting!! - Herring, Trout, Pickerel and Sturgeon fishing - are the only fish - being now fished for, and caught in my division!! -

Con Elliot, - fisherman, - at Niagara! - was placed in the Lunatic Asylum - here on last monday - he is a raving mad man! -

And now my friend! I want to tell you something; and I dont suppose it will startle you much!!! - as you are so well acquainted with the people yourself! -

The Hon J. B. Plumb, - and J. C. Rykert, Esq - M.P., - for Lincoln. - - -

Have recently applied to me for a portion of the Swan hunting ground occupied by Mrs Jane Elliot, - wife of this poor afflicted Lunatic; in the Niagara River, - under a license paid for by her for year 1884. -

Mr John Bolton, - a grits trying to make me believe, that he did not vote Conservative - at last Election for J. C. Rykert, and for the Hon: Senator, - at previous Election! - If you me a chance to speak my mind and I done so. . .

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Elliott voted for you and so did I,—
and Harry Sheppard,—and his son—Joe
Gabriel and his son, "Big Jim"—James
Eastwell,—and Dick Gilbert. all voted for
you—! I told J. C. Rykert,—

But Jack Bolton, and Charles Bolton's
politics—I wrote the Plumb,—and I told
J. C.—Rykert.—"Do always Cash down!"—

First tried Plumb,—failing!—then
tried Rykert,—I was proof—for both!—

Take away the living. from a poor
afflicted wife and her 3 children! her
husband a raving lunatic! how
thoughtless—we find our great men
sometimes!—I did not, and have not yielded.
an inch to either of these applicants.—

From the Hon: Senator, I received a letter
on the subject,—Mr Rykerts—was a verbal
application.—Thank heavens—I was good
for both!—No weakness in my knees!—

I never in my life, saw any poor man
so afflicted as Elliott is!—

I hope he will recover,—and be restored
to his mind and memory. and resume
fishing again!..—

Now my friend, dont you think I done
right, in refusing these great men—to become
a Tool in their hands,—to inflict a grievous
injury,—by taking from a poor family un-
der affliction—a fishing ground occupied by
the family, for upwards of 50 years.—And not get-
ting nor receiving a ₵—for giving it up!—

You can now judge the predicament I escaped.
Except the fishery,—and Keeping Boarders,—
in Summer—they have no other means of
living..—I could tell you plenty—but I dare
not blow on Sam: Wilmots horn.—

Please when convenient. send me the bone for
Spearing Herring...—And as usual.—

Yours respectfully.—
Hamilton.. Ont.
10. November 1884.—

Phil. Kerr—P.O.

S.—

Heute noch? Ich muß es mir sagen! —
Was Neues passiert? — Nein, nichts. —
Nichts mehr als sonst. Ich — Ich
Bin müde. Ich will schlafen gehen. —
Gute Nacht, Tagebuch. Gute Nacht, Welt. —
Gute Nacht, Ihr Lieben! Gute Nacht, Ihr
Guten! Gute Nacht, Ihr Alle! —
Gute Nacht, Du! —

Gute Nacht, Du! — Ich habe Dich
geliebt. — Ich werde Dich lieben. — Ich
liebe Dich! — Ich schwöre Dich! —
Gute Nacht. — Ich schwöre Dich! —
Gute Nacht! — Ich weiß, Du hörst mich! —
Gute Nacht, Du! — Ich werde Dich
schwören. Ich werde Dich lieben. Ich
werde Dich lieben. Ich werde Dich
lieben

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Copy.--- Hamilton, Ont°.
15th October 1884.---

Sir.-

I annex for your information, the copy of a letter, I have just received from Alex^r Montgomery of Collingwood, clerk to Messrs W. Alex. Clark, Fish dealer, and Fisherman, of the Firm of Messrs Clark and Robbins, operating at present in the Georgian Bay fisheries.--- The information this letter contains is, I am certain reliable, for I have proved these peoples (Clark, Montgomery's) Evidence on former occasions.----

Horse Island referred to, is situated on Cross channel, 8, miles long, running from Lake Huron, into Georgian Bay.- The place where the 30 Boats are, will be "Rattle snake, Harbour".- situated on the Georgian Bay end of "Horse Island".- There is no net fishing of any Kind, permitted in Cross channel..

Mr S. P. Bennet, Fisheries Department, Ottawa, is with these things, can explain matters to you..-

If you deem it advisable to send me there in close season, the Tug Annie Clark,- can be got by paying running expenses for the Trip...

A Trip to Horse Island, and Robbs Sound net, in close season, would have a good effect, and the seizure of fish alone (when sold) might pay all expenses..-

This report, is respectfully submitted for your information.---

I Have the Honor to be,—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
J. Whitcher
Fishery Overseer.—

The Deputy
Minister of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.---

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Copy.-

Dear Sir.- Collingwood.- Oct. 13th 1884...

Having a little time to spare, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how things are going. There are about thirty (30) Boats, fishing at Horse Island, and they will likely continue through the close season.- Nolan, (Brothers) have a Pound net set at Red River,- in from the Bustards, and near French River.- How would it do to send Wilson Nolan Red man up there?..- And again, you might be able to charter Tug Annie Clark, for a Trip to Horse Island, in the close season, as we are not very busy at present.- No fishing of any account here.- Alley: has been for a trip up the Lake for a couple of weeks.- The fishermen are going to start their fishing this week at Hawkesbury and the Christian Islands.- The friends in Killarney, are all well, as Alley: was there on Saturday.- I am thinking of going to Thornbury to buy fish.- Give us all the particulars when you write.-

Alley: sends Kind regards.- Also myself.-

Yours,-

Signed Montgomery.....

J. N. Keen Esq
Fishery Commr.-
Hamilton. Ont.

Hamilton.- Ont^{o}.

14. November 1884.--

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Coursen Solomon James' letter, dated. Shawanaga, Georgian Bay,- 28th October 1884.--

In reply I refer you to letter: Copy herewith:- marked D.- dated Collingwood, October. 13th 1884. telling me about this Pound Net.- And to my report to you!---thereon (Copy.) addressed to you, marked A- herewith! and dated Hamilton 15th October last.-

I hope you will be pleased to instruct Coursen, Solomon James, to seize the Pound net, Jno J. and C. Noble, J. & Kenney,- and the men employed fishing this Pound. $20. each, and costs, and then confiscate the pound.....

It was with this object in view! that I made my report to you on this Pound net subject, on the 15th October last.---About your's letter gave me all the knowledge I gained in the matter; then sent to you!-

I find Coursen- Solomon James,- in his letter, states to you thus:-"I was informed a few days ago, that a certain party has placed a Pound Net, at the mouth of one of the branches of French River; but was not informed who the party was"... I went up to see, and when I got there, I found out, that James Noble, and brothers of Killarney,- to be the party and holding a Pound net license given or issued by this Office to fish with that Pound net, within the other limits".- But lately they were obliged to remove that net from above Killarney,- to French River; that is within the limits of my division"?-

I think Coursen, James- Francis- in his duty! why not seize a Pound net, found set, in the mouth of a

The Deputy Minister,

Department of Fisheries.-

Ottawa.---

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him!... from on your situation accordingly.

In fact report, since Mueller, Col. Stanley has signed by me, and my Colleague, Commr. Joseph Wilson & them, contradicts the false statement made by the noble rascal on you!...

I am b. Holter, as I found out to be the case, and which I duly reported to the Department during the year 1882 and early part of 1883, - find on "Illegality" finding: whether that was grazing situation with them!- They were arrested, tried and acquitted in all their illegal acts, by my Commissioner Jas. Cotton - dismissed. -

I refer to my lengthy special report of 9th June last, on these cases, made to H.O. Armstrong Esq. Witness &c. particularly, Otheus! the letter found of Geo. C. was about Jan. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 on 14th of said letter....

I never since then met him, from the Department of Justice, Otheus! the J. or C. Holter, was by, of Attorney-Gen. except you; to find on him not in Dec. since. - in Territory of Dakota River, for the simple reason that none was sent to me by you or the Department: please examine your books! & Jefferson.

It is useless to say, he has absconded, more especially with a Commission, for initiation issued by you on the 15th September last... This notice was received since the Citizens met, from the J. or C. Holter Jan. out of his mind yet! who he would discover!

"The fishing without a license is prohibited."

His reason was, about this: that J. or C. Holter, was by, - went over a Commission not from Commr. Joseph Wilson, division! 10 or 20 miles west of Fleming - to Cow Creek, a tributary of Powder River: 40 miles west of Fleming without a license or any written authority... I gave notice! ...

I refer you to my application dated 17 May 1884, for Commission not license, for J. or C. Holter, and

Private.

Hamilton, Ont.

21. November 1884.

My dear Jim.

Yours received. I knew nothing of Lewis going back home to Niagara until I got your letter. — "God help him". — After I read your letter, on my return home here at 11. p.m. — from Acton, on last tuesday night, — I also found a letter from Mrs Elliot. Every thing your letter and hers contained was all News to me. — I am much obliged to you, for the information about the Boat. — Keep low Jim! — I am going away at 4. p.m. — today, expect to be Home again tomorrow night at 9. p.m. off again on Monday next for 3 or 4 days. — Can't say when I can come to Niagara. —

Wade paid me off 5. — so it matters not about his returning. — Keep an account of every thing for me! — Especially the Sturgeon fishing in my Boat — carried on — by Bob Patterson and Bob Bishop. — People must stare! when they see and know such things as are carried on. —

Kind regards to Mrs Kate, — all well here! — As usual! Yours. &c. —

H. W. Kerr — P.O.

James Cantwell.

Yours truly — [illegible]

We have this day [illegible]

[illegible] I made [illegible]

[illegible] James, Simcoe, — [illegible]

[illegible] the Lake [illegible]

The surface [illegible]

[illegible] this Week [illegible]

[illegible] Lake [illegible]

[illegible] Lake [illegible]

[illegible] Lake

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
13.- November 1884.-

Sir.-

I have in obedience to your instructions, to report the rate of progress- making in the construction of a "Fishway,- in the Saugeen River- Southampton, North Bruce.-

I propose to go up there on monday next, inspect the work, make my report, and if found satisfactory, send in the certified bills,- per your Order,- for payment.-

I have the Honor to be.-
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.-

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.-

Copy.-

Indian Rapids Mills,-
Nov: 10th 1884.-

Dear Sir,-

It is with pleasure, I have to inform you, that we have pushed the construction of the Government Fishway, Ordered by you at this place,- that we will have it finished on the 12th or 13th instant, and then will await your pleasure and convenience to come here, and inspect and pronounce Judgement on the same.-

Its construction is strictly in accordance with model and specifications.- Please advise when you will be at liberty to come.-

Yours respectfully.-
Sd. Geo: Gordon.-

John W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Overseer.-
Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

Copy.---

"Private."

John W. Kerr.
Commr of Fisheries.---
Hamilton. Ont.

Port Elgin.---
November. 14th 1884.--

Dear Sir.---

I was told to write to you.. I have been up the Lake...

At Port Grenock Station, there is about Ten men fishing. that have never paid Licence, nor been asked to do so for years... Some of the men that has a Licence, says; it is not fair for some to pay and not pay..

Now, I dont want you to let James Blair, Know I wrote to you, as it would not suit me here.. He wants me to get him the names of all; but I dont believe in doing work for a man; and he gets the pay from Government as I am told.---

I can give you the names if you want them.. He has not been up for 3 or 4 years, at the Islands.--

Yours.--
Sd L. Biggs....

P.S.--

Please dont show this, or allow my name to be used in any way.- I will let you know all, if you want to.--

If you write R. F. Sutton. 388.- Spadina Avenue, Toronto,- he will tell you about me.--
Sd L. B.--

Hamilton, Ont.
15. November 1884.—

Sir.—

I have to report, and I now send you copy.— of a letter I received this day from Mr. L. Briggs. of Port Hope! who on a card, he has sent me! states he is a detective. . . .

On the 20th September last.— I reported to you; and "Strictly Confidential."— That there was then! 2!— Yankees boats,— fishing in Lake Huron! from certain Islands!— Some of them are not far from Grand Manan.

I now refer you to that letter. . .

I may tell you! I am not personally acquainted with L. Briggs.— But from a statement I.E.— I sent to the Fisheries department,— Ottawa: in the 4th of September last, made to me by Jacob Berry.— and in which I now find the name of a Detective named Briggs. . .

I presume this person, who now writes to me; is the same person! Berry— the alluded to.—

The present letter now!— and Berry's statement made to me then: confirms the fact.—

"Fishing without Licence is prohibited"?—

Fishing without a licence is extensively carried on, in Lake Huron,— from Grand Manan, N.B. N.S. P.E.I. at this present time. . . "Therefore your Order is null and void; and of no effect".— Unless the there last mentioned promises and liabilities! are released to, and enforced as per your Public notice of 15th September last heretofore!— I am at your service! when I receive your Order to act.— I will delay going to Lunenburgh, until Wednesday next; by that I may have your will and Order to me in this case.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
J. Whitcher. P.C.—

The Deputy Minister,
The Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa. . . .

Private.-

Memorandum!

Jos. S. P. Bauset Esqre
Fisheries department.-
Ottawa!-

I send the Deputy Minister to-day, copy of a letter I just received from E. Briggs- Bailiff Leyn,- What his object is, in writing to me I cant surmise! he does business for Coursen - Muir! - My report dated 4th September last made to The deputy Minister of Fisheries, - a detailed, - statement made by Jacob Berry, - and a memorandum I sent you! you will find this Briggs- figuring as Bailiff at Big Island, - Hoke Bay, - Lake Huron; in November 1883, -

If you, or the deputy Minister, wishes me to take special action against these unlicensed Fishermen, - at Grenoch Harbour, - to make them pay up! you can advise him, that when I go to Southampton next week, to inspect the Fishways there. I can go on up to Grenoch Harbour, - V. V. -

The question to be considered, has Coursen James Muir - Bailiff Leyn, - sent Bailiff Briggs, - this year, - up to the Islands, - to collect License fees! - same as he appears to have done in November 1883, - and has he failed to do so! - Or had Coursen Muir, - some more important object in view in sending Briggs up there this present year! - You may perhaps be able to tell!! from the signs of the times! - -

Fishing for Trout, - is kept up in Lake Huron, very late in the year, in the locality of Grenoch Harbour, by unlicensed poachers! - until hard freezing sets in. - - - The Trout, are salted down in packages, and sold. -

I shall not answer Briggs letter. - I will hear from you, and the Deputy Minister, - first!! - Caution and care, direct me! -

If you order me there, I may - if I find

1/c

2/c

if necessary,- bring Briggs up there with me. I can however get a more reliable man! - to accompany me there. - - If you order me! -

By my official "Thirty confidential" - letter of 20. Sept. last. I apprised the deputy Minister, then: how 12 unlicensed fishermen, with 24 - Boats, - were fishing without licenses! V. E.

F. N. Carey, - Burlington Canal, is on Big Island - still - fishing there - I had a letter from him last week. - -

I must tell you, in all my trips of a similar Kind! I am always guided - by the force of circumstances: by the best course for the ensure success. - - Hence: why, - I have succeeded always - so well. - -

Here continuations of the Fisheries Act, fishing without license, should be instantly stopped; before Winter, - sets in, is expected, or disposed of by you!!. - It is surprising to me! how his man (Briggs.) Mr. Briggs, turns on him; and gives him away, - such is the world now!. - I am not bothered for myself.

Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, of Southampton, fished on a visit here on Thursday last! -

I told you by letter, when Commr Lt. Jones, - of the - man - o - war, Georgian Bay, - was appointed Fishery Overseer, how obnoxious his appointment is to the white fishermen. - Mr. O'Brien, M. P. may get disease! that his recommendation to appoint an Indian - Fishery Overseer, - one Metcalf - Irish - English - and Canadian born - fishermen - is very unpopular - and causes Jealousy and expressions of displeasure even threats against this noble red man! I tell you this in confidence!!. -

I shall not leave here - for the inspection and report upon the Saugeen Fishery, - before next wednesday, - perhaps thursday morning, so if you wish me to go on up to Grand Harbour; I will go on your Order, and when there handle the fishermen gently, - but firmly. Please answer? - Yours as usual. -

Hamilton. 15th Nov: 1870. - John W. Kerr - Inspr

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Private!

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
17. November 1884.—

My Friend Alderson.—

Many thanks for the information your Post Card, contains regarding my Friend F^{k}. your esteemed Father.—

It is always with painful regret, that I receive from you, and my other Fisherman friends — accounts of your losses.—

I go this week, on wednesday next to Southampton, on Lake Huron.—

Whenever it is convenient, please make out for me a return of fish caught by you in your Pounds at Long point.—

Keeping different Kinds of fish, caught, each — by themselves — in Barrels.—

Number of Pounds, — value of each!—

No: and value of Tug, boats, pile driver, and piles. F^{k}. and cost of driving piles for each pound.— No: of men employed fishing for you during this current year.—

I want all this information to enable me,

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to make out My Peter Pain's returns — as I am instructed to do, for him, by the Fisheries department, — Ottawa.—

I have seen our friend, — My John D. MacKenzie and what you desire in that quarter. I hope to see faithfull carried out, for your own benefit alone.— My MacKenzie told me, he had heard from you, and what you had written him.—

What a serious loss you must have suffered.

I hope you are all well. Kindly remember me to your father.—

And believe me as usual.—

Yours Sincerely.—

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

Wm. Alderson Esqr.
J. P. F^{k}. F^{k}. F^{k}.
Port Dover. Ont^{o}.

P.S. If alive and well next year, I will be by and get you back your old grounds — fished on by Charley Wing.— Yours.
J. W. Kerr. Esq.

My Dear and Brother Gordon! —

Your Post Card - received - copy sent to the Tailoring department - so that they may learn! that on the Sangree - in London, - we have great Gordon who has his work done! and he requires no Bobby - to assist him. -

I am only waiting the receipt of a letter, from Ottawa! when I shall instantly start - by first express Sangree! inspect and report. - -

I am quite well in good health!

Please have for me a statement in detail of all the different Kinds of material - the completed Tailoring, - how many men, employed on the works of any - they have on hand to complete the Tailoring for the Garden Regiments - Scots Head side.

I am busy busy making a report

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on Sangree Barracks Town of Aldershot - built at a cost of £20,000! with all the modern improvements. — (In Tailoring.)

Manufactures nothing but Sole Leather, - Sole also his riders from South America, - shipped to him by way of Boston & New York. —

Manufactures 250 Sides a week, —

Has 5000 sides of Sole Leather on hand. at 1d. per Side = £20.000.

Well - Lip Lip!! Hurrah. —

Yours fraternally. —

Jas Kerr —

J. Cooper

Hamilton. Ont.
19. Nov: 1879. —

Duplicate

U. States Ln Office
Philadelphia —

Hamilton Esqr
19. Nov: 1794.

Dear Sir. —

I have just received
copy of Action of the Court of Appeals
of Virginia: praying to have the Writ, in-
forced by you in favor Randolph, Jones
Moore: and Joseph Speight of Virginia! —
referred me the Deeds with which the
people furnished Mr Lee. Mr Griffin
has dissented to them and gone down
at Glasgow: except from the provisions
of the Federal Act. —

I wish to have in readiness against
the Courts - and suppose Sept. will
suit you best — Jones 4 Oct. —

I shall expect in a few days — in the
mean time! please inform me if you have left
the Office - the Federal Department Clear,
I have nothing more to add! please

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more or clear of Debt — with respect.
I hope you are well mate. —
Yours Sincerely. —
J. Wilkinson
Edmund Randolph

Copy.-

Wesleyan Mission House
Bishop Auckland.
Nov. Wesleyan Methodist

Newcastle. Staffs.
20. July 1864.

Will you be pleased on receipt of this letter to go and inspect, and make a careful examination of the Boundwood Tramroads from which it is said Iron Stone, and calcareous stuffs and substances are dumped on to a Trent stream! thereby killing the Speckled trout.. Examine the stream carefully!.. - From Boundwood Tramroad by walking on the bank of the stream on to, and through the village of Alstone; also the roads down to Limehouse.. - And report to me!.- K.. K..

It is said Iron stone, is also thrown along the banks of the brook.. State in report if this is so!.. and if you do see any chalk!.. That Iron stone is injurious to speckled trout, or to fish! and describe the kind of Iron stone it is; and give me all the facts....

This Mr. J. J. Webb. Knows nothing personally, of what he has written to me about..

He has taken it for granted, I suppose! because he read and saw something in The Daily Post Paper, of 11th July instant; that it is an truth; when it is, as likely it may be all this!.. Have no anything in detail after you have made a careful, personal examination yourself. - I have not much faith in Some stories.-

Yours. K.

J. Webb Esq.
Tipton.

Copy.

Wm Penn Esq.
P.M. Penn Office.

Hamilton Bath.
5. August 1814.

I have a Letter, and the Bathen Gen Rees, from Wm M.Leod, of Georgetown, today stating you have given Bondsmen, and two others of 20. each and forbidding me from doing so: stating too, that when it was done it! that you receive half of the fines.- I have written to Gen Rees, telling him as the fines, when the Officer is complainant, goes to the Distress department; & that the Letter was wrong for imputing such motives.- -

Mr Bondsmen, brought the matter, before the Bathen Council, and that body in their wisdom passed a Law, letting the petition the department for to exempt Bathen Vessels from the provisions of the Distress Act....

Please report progress, and let me know what you have done.- -

Yours &c
J.W. Kerr -
P. Master -

Copy.-

Hamilton. Ont.
5. August 1884.-

Wm. McClure Esq.
Resident Game Inspr.-
Georgetown. Ont.

My dear Sir.-

I am in receipt of your favour of the 2nd inst. and the News paper relative to Mr. Geo. Beardmore,- Bailiff,- situated on the Trout stream: that runs through the village of Acton.---

In a previous occasion, I received a letter and a paper from Mr. S. J. Wheeler, your Secretary, complaining as I presume you are aware: that Mr. Beardmore, had poisoned this speckled trout stream with Lime dust, and had killed the Trout.-

On receipt of the letter letter, I wrote Mr. Worthington Inspr. Game,- Post Office,- Bailiff's village & whose Division,- this Trout stream is situated, this was on the 28th July last, instructing him to inspect the Creek, and report to me the result,- this has since been done, and he Mr. Hall, asked for further instructions, for to prosecute, but to this I have not yet replied!---

From the general instructions given to Mr. Hall, he is perfectly justified in inspecting a Gaol, which the Letter Thus Cases,- states, he has already done,- and if he has!- he will report to me.--

I may however state for your information, that to Gaol as the Fine is enormous, the Jailor is wrong: as no part of the Fine will in this case go to Mr. Hall, Bailiff &c. Fines are always received half the Fine, will go to the Department Ottawa.-

I made the complaint to Hall,- grounded on Mr. Wheeler letter to me:- which I may tell you, I must take any part of the fine!- I send you by mail to day,- a copy of the Statutes &c; it is most likely, that as soon as the Department receive the application from the Reeve

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~~~~ Council of Acton to exempt the Creek, from the provisions of the Fisheries Act!--- That it will be referred to me for report; and if so! I will visit and examine the place myself and then I will see that the evidence and the true facts as they exist, shall be laid by me before the Department, so that the public, and all concerned, shall be fairly represented.---

I will write Mr Bell today!--- and within a week or 10 days I will see Mr Bennett,--- the acting Commissioner of Fisheries--- Ottawa, who is gone up the Lake Shore, & on his return will talk with him about Speckled Trout Streams,--- and believe me!---

Yours &c.

J. W. Weller

J. Logan

4.--

Brockville, 29th August

My dear Sir:--

I received your letter of the 28th inst. on my return from a trip up the Lake Shore. I regret very much that I was not at home when Mr Bell called, but I was absent on business of importance, and could not get there sooner. I will write Mr Bell today, and will see Mr Bennett, the acting Commissioner of Fisheries, Ottawa, who is now up the Lake Shore, on his return, and will talk with him about Speckled Trout Streams, and believe me,

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Yours &c.

J. W. Weller

J. Logan

Hamilton. 20th Cent.

20th November 1814.

Sir.

I have receive from you the copy of Petition, from the Reeve and Corporation of Dalton, together with letter from Mr. J. B. McKinney, M.P. Sheriff of the County of Halton, with instructions for report thereon.

I may here at the outset report for your information that I originally the one against Forge Landing but find, in the first place your myself, instead of advising Canada, - the Hub, of Erin; in which Division, this spacious boat stream of Dalton, is situated, the attend to it! - and I found things then, in the same order, that I found them, on the 18th instant, - I would not, nor could not Jive; nor even blame the proprietors. - I found things sang, K. - but I do report things to you - just as they are. - - -

The town of Dalton, is a smart enterprising place of 1200 inhabitants. The Great Trunk Railway runs through, and intersects the north part of the village in its course west. - It is situated in County of Halton. -

The Forge Landing - Wharf - two, - one Lined shore, some years ago but has recently been rebuilt by him, at a cost of about £20.000, - and is equipped, and rigged out with all modern improvements in a Steamer, by the Steamer Erin out in Evening. -

I went through, and all over the Building, and was accompanied by the Foreman, who took pains in showing and explaining anything to me. -

The present capacity of the Forge, is 60 Tons a week. - When in full operation it will be more. -

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Public. -
Ottawa. - - -

1.

There is a Furnace, and thirty men employed daily in the Foundry— the pay is $1.25 per man, per day.—

In going on the Iron Works, from the number of men employed and your[illegible] this is going on.—

The Irons are all produced in Lake Champlain, and shipped by the New York, and Boston, navigation by George Rensselaer— Troy,— taken to Boston by J. V. Rensselaer.—

Furnaces are manufactured also, into the Castings, as also this is done,— and shipped to the Southern Towns, Cotton mills, and distributed to persons engaged in Cotton— all over America.—

Iron the ore is procured, the nearest bank, Iron bridged over, near the Foundry— in that Iron bank, with rich future escape from the extensive keep employed the same.—

This keep of Iron bank, is bounded in Clinton, is being daily burned up, in the Furnaces of the Foundry,— nothing there to set the machinery in operation, save hot air pipes, placed in the hearth,— for drying the castings in winter!— Lumber, Coal, Brick,— Iron,— Sand from Lynn,— Castings,— K. K. K. besides a variety of implements,— all put in motion.—

The only materials known in the Furnaces,— is this Iron bank, that has done its duty— already— in Canning.— It is a soft sand stone rock,— and burned in the extensive Furnaces of the Foundry— but now being employed daily, shaking it in— Keeping the Furnaces, fire and going.— The Furnaces are fire proof alone.—

In this Foundry,— are employed,— in which the Castings are placed,— when the Iron is drawn off them.—

No Iron, nor Iron ore is used in or on this, in this Foundry.—

There are 100. Castings,— pieces with Castings in proportion Castings 20, Cast iron,— in this Foundry.—

The Castings appears to be extensive, and flourishing.— Iron is with our neighborhood, as in the reflect-

[illegible] the Registrar. My Lords Commissioners. [illegible] a young man, who appears to be a Native of Barbadoes, and belonging to [illegible]. —

Whilst his Lordship remains in the Hurricane Roads, in Carlisle Bay . . . .

The Mounds of Earth - erected up at the Battery station - Bridge, - for this Purpose - within the Island adjacent . . .

To secure all the Passages up Bridge, - through the Reefs and Channels, - for Ships Boats, - except this Passage - Town, . . . It deserves this encouragement . . . .

By the attached copies of letters, Nos 1. 2. and 3. - you will please find how this was originated . . .

You will perceive Enclosed, Plans of Bridge, - which only it is to attend, the protection of those Sparkles that Storms, were in ignorance of a Jack that Ten Sail, the wind up: have got into the Road with, through the negligence of a Pilot Vessel, then foreign, - But whose place is now supplied by a more careful person . .

Relying on I am - that the favourable attention - the Letter of my J. L. & Council on the Petition of the Merchants Planters, in general. Your enquiries I made, - and from the assurances given to me - by my Lords Commissioners of Town. - who has just now done, that no more than Sunshine of the Petition sent - will again happen, and happen up on I acknowledge by this opinion Council Chamber! -

I have from the fact having gotten been induced to recommend, that the Lords Commissioners, may be pleased to exempt a portion of this Stock from the provisions of the Petition act! any: From or Town Shillings any, more Little Sum: sixteen about 2 miles . —

And I also, recommend that the Sum of £20. Sterling I made be remitted. I pray in my duty to you, and the Petition respectfully, this I in my humble judgement worthwhile . . —

J. —

In I remit to you, after enquiries I have made, the facts as stated in the petition are all true; there only one complaint.....

The Jones Speight, - that was sick, was younger sister to Thos, - the opposite side of the road, from Rowland's, Swamp, - I crossed over the road, - a foot plank, passing over to the other.....

The case only must be tiffling, to judge from present appearances, - there was no complaint made to me, in the first place against the two men.

I would respectfully recommend, that the Minister, will be pleased to remit the fine to James Speight, - in my opinion, if 20. fine - would be, and is sufficient. -

This candidly, - is the common cause now, that - I take of this tiffling - Entertainment of the Tribunals last. - -

It would seeming, seeming seems to me sufficient. - James Speight, - is also the Undertaker there. -

The petition, I beg to report is a libels incorrect, as regards, - the James Pleasants - Swamp, - it is not - the Creek referred to, - but is one of very small size, about 10 yards through, and is supplied by water from Swamp, Main's up, at the village end of the Pleasants Swamp. -

After this matter is over, it runs down into the Creek, - referred to, - the Pleasants is in a deep state Swamp. -

The other two Englishmen were men, - before referred to in this Swamp, - Having up, on the other, side, lying was among the deep state, - in the water, were two, by the James Pleasants. -

It is true they stuff, - Sugarcane, - have access to some of about 10 yards, - running, - into the Creek referred to, in better was public. - But Sugarcane is Common, - I refer to you for reference. -

I would in this case respectfully recommend, that the Minister, will be pleased to remit the fine of £20, - to the James Pleasants. -

In reporting this I am sensible of the hard
ground of censure to the publick. The Committee, by whom
the Town Clerk was to be called upon to attend the Grand
Jury. Grand. the Select Men. The Town of Boston
&c. Sheriff & Grand Jury. who are properly publick in
reporting to the Courts. against. the Grand Inquest
of Common Fame. —

In, to that Grand Jury, and then,
after, to examine the premises of such, and to the
Grand Assembly!! I fine you £20, which is such
Instance of that Expence. — that Town Clerk, a called
this. demanded £20, from each person, and Sheriff £6
£60 in all. — This is all that is happened on this —

I presume by this the Grand Jury, who
believe he conscientiously done his duty, has sent in
to you this £60, from us Jury, — —

I respectfully submit my report. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obed. Servt,
[illegible]
Foreman

O. C.
No expence for witnesses nor Town was summoned
[illegible]

5.

Memorandum! for D. P. Rousseau Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa!—

You ask me, what did Malcolm McKenzie want!— He wanted to know, if the Department would enforce the fishing of 5" mesh mesh— for year 1885.—

I replied yes! no doubt about it. He said so far as he was concerned, it did not signify— as he could go on the American side, and fish.——

His 4 7/8^ths" and 4 1/2" mesh gill nets,— were permitted to be fished in American waters!— But while he could do this! a good many fishermen, were unable to do so!— being nearly all in debt.——

He said moreover! that Mr. H. C.— Bowman. pt. P.— Goderich, obtained from the Fisheries department, Ottawa; the privilege of fishing these small size mesh gill nets— in Lake Huron,— many years ago!!. and now you know it.—

I reported on Rondeau to Mr. Gourley.— V. on yesterday!— I never wish to say a word against an officer. for actively doing his duty, Hall is a good fellow, but acted too precipitate in the case.— The Bank is now for you to look. V. as for Rondeau, and Buffalo— are concerned! and nothing from this premises will affect the boat any more!— The water between the points given in my official letter are dried up almost— part of the summer! the Trout are numerous above Pickerings dam, and below Smiths dam^s— see report.—

I go this evening to Port Dover,— start from Hamilton morning— there at 8.30, a. m.— and arrive at Rainham Lake Erie,— and pursue upon Rice Lake gill nets— fishing in front of Lots 24.

and 22. B.F. township of Raisbeck. —

I just received a letter from there, telling me, they are fishing.

I will make them pay heavy for you! — and I am sure to find them fishing up; it is about 24 or 26 miles of a drive from Port down, — and back to Pt. down again. some 50: of miles, — home here on tomorrow evening - if all goes well 42 miles! more! — such is life, - with entertainment. —

Burlington Bay — is alive with Herring. Maj Kibart, M. P. told me on yesterday, he had telegraphed the Minister, for permission to spear! for Herring! — .

If alive and well - I must take a run down in the Bay, - and do what fish nets, I can find there on next sunday night. —

On monday next, at 4. p.m. I intend to start for Southampton - Fishing, now completed. — when I received letter from Maria Biggs, - sending back me. I am a Trap, he wanted to bet for me! —

That so I have remained dumb, no reply to his letter! also the information I want; I can get from more reliable people. —

My address. for people - Cut from Pink of 18th you see in that a Gibson - was drowned in Burlington Bay - Little Mary! a sad affair. —

Conner - James from - should be shot for his life for allowing that man to get violent with a Lunatic! — Their names are not on your list of Licensed fishermen - "Out Lyers!" Division. — I will get number with name, next time I go to Southampton. —

It is to show the Canadian fishermen! on supposed Conner, D. Sharp - has a bottom leg! he has a friend to look after his affairs for him! and knows exactly the intentions from Deputy. I go there! —

And with due respect. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

Hamilton, Ont. 20. Nov: 1884.

Wm Kerr —
P. Conner.

Am 22. B.T. Tuesday of London. —

I just received a letter from them, asking me, they are picking.

I also met them [illegible] for:—
as I am sure to find them picking up:
it is about 250 miles of a – drive
from Fort Grey – our boat to Fleur-
again. Some 4 to 5 of miles – have two re-
turnaround evening – if one pass the 12.
miles / more! – Must is life, until re-
turnment. —

Tuesday the – is also until Tuesday.
the Flight is 6 – two re-passing, to
two telegraphs the ministry, by permission
to open! by Monday! —

If alone as well – I must take – two
in the Day – as it not pic out. I am fine
else as not every night. —

Evening not at 4 p.m. I enter
to use by Sunday – Friday, one
employee. – the I receive the by
Above Night – evening two as it —

– Night, to mention to let by me! —

Use to I two Sunday Above, as re-
ply to his two! see the information I want
I am by pm one table page. —

by Saturday. Tuesday. but pm this of
18th pm wide as till 2. Pictures – one
– Flight by – date Above! – as appr. —
Tower – pm pic – about to Visit by to
Flight by Morning the as I pic without
to know! – The name as not as pm
list of Pioneer pictures – "Fort Day!"
Sunday. – I wide at another with one,
next Tue I by to Sunday. —

At is to also the Sunday Pictures! as
suppose, Saturday, Flight – to – Sunday
by! to too – pic to Fort after Tue at
by Tue! as Tue one evening to visiting
pm Flight. by the! —

pm until as August. —

Pm Pioneer Above.
Sunday, the 5th
as pic: 1000 to
Pioneer

Hamilton. Ont.
24th November 1884.

Sir.

In my return from Kincardine on Lake Erie, I found a letter from Lyman J. T. Bourne, of Southampton; on last saturday night, of which I now send you an abstract.

By this letter you will perceive that the Fishermen and My Bailiff complain that in consequence of the large quality of sand floating to the extent of 20 miles about in the centre of Lake Huron! the Herring fishing has proved a failure.

I have already reported to you the loss sustained by Duncan Jones Esq. of Leith on the Saw Mills of his Division! swept down by the freshets of spring in the creek! out into Lake Huron!! where it continues to float about, indiscriminately all over the Lake! on this shore of the Lake today, — on a different shore — on tomorrow, just as the winds on the Lake blows and shifts it... The loss and damage to Lake Huron fishing is incalculable: more damaging and injurious than it is to the Fisheries in Creeks and Rivers.

I submit the same, and I recommend it for your consideration! and I hope you will submit a remedy to suppress the Evil.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Copy.- Abstract...

Southampton, 21st November 1894.-

J. of Kew, Esq.re
Victoria Crescent.-
Hamilton...

The Fisheries of the Lake
Rural, Mag.a &c. Section, (Ont.o)

the Lease of this fish Island has caused nothing
of any account, not even to pay expenses arising from
the effects of the frost, which has polished the Lake
from white fish Island, for the distance of over 20,-
miles, as can be seen washed ashore on the side of
the Lake...

There is a new mile, in one of the Islands,
above the Lake: the new dust of which, together
with what comes down the Lake River, has ruined
the prospects of the Fisheries in that locality.-

The cause of grievance has been complained of,
for several years, but strangely has not been able
to get any heard & perfect this locality...

I am, K.-

Yours,- J. H. Conway.-

J. C.

Hamilton, Ont.
24. November 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you herewith enclosed the sum of Eleven dollars and fifty cents.

Will you be please to apply the amount as follows, for the current year of 1884.

1. Lime Kilns. Rideau. To 1 Rock Lime Kiln 60 yards of White Grit 5" inch mesh, 1 Lake Lot in front of Lots Nos 20. 21. and 22. 2nd Con. in the Township of Rideau. To extend from the Rock, within said Limits southwards in to the Lake for a distance of 3 miles. Amount due is $3.00

2. Davis Harbor, Rideau. To 1 Rock Lime Kiln 60 yards of White grit, grit mesh, 1 Lake Lot in front of Lots Nos 21. and 22. North West Corner of Rideau, that is to say; from the side road, down to the east side of his garden fence, to extend in to the Lake in front of the same for a distance of 3 miles. Amount due is $5.00

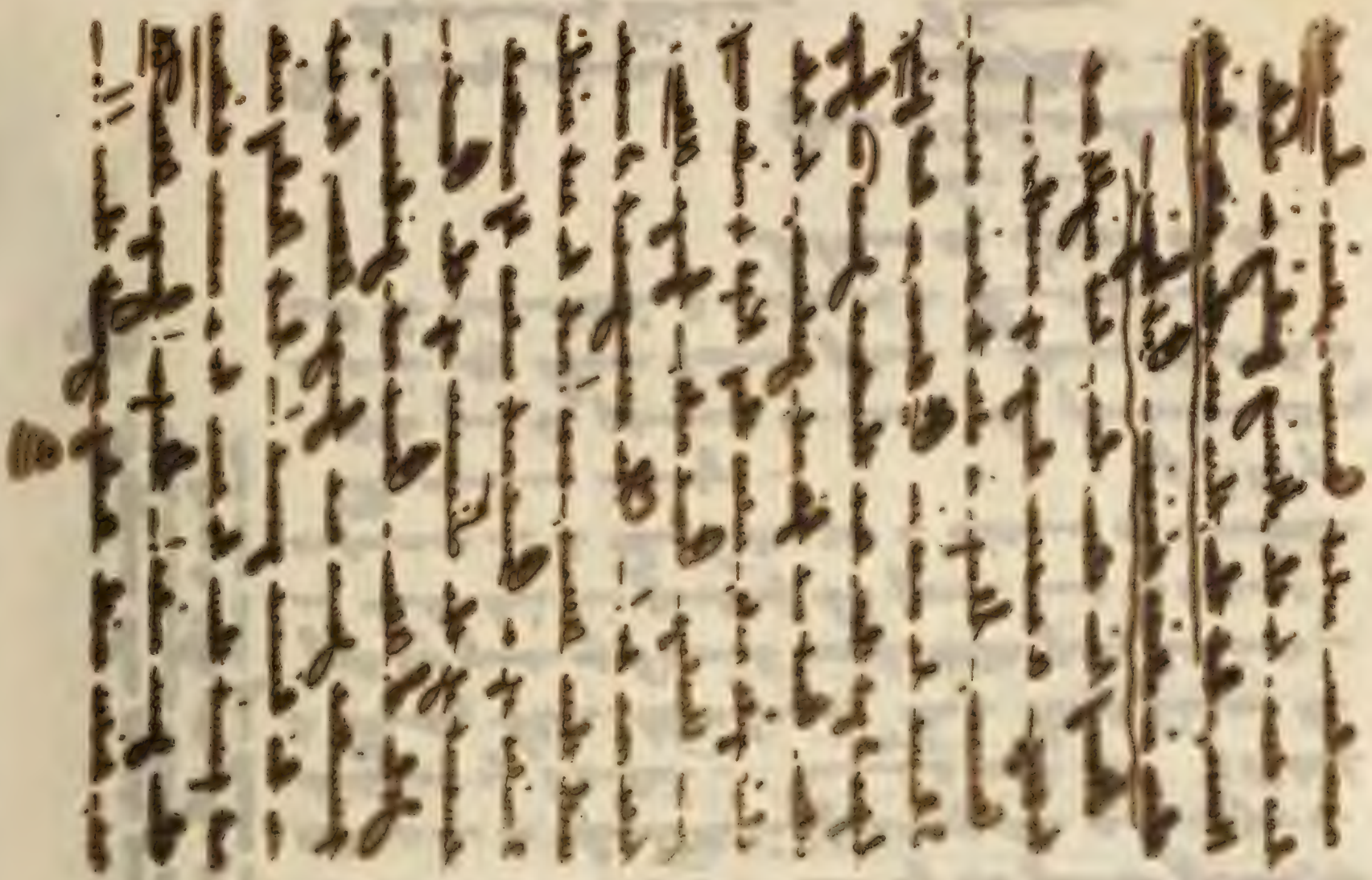
3. Kirby Lime, Hartman. To 1 Rock Lime Kiln 100 yards of 5" inch mesh, White grit grit mesh, 1 Lake Lot; in front of his farm, and to extend southwards in to the Lake for a distance of 3 miles. The amount is only $1.50

Will you be please to send the purchase money for the Lime Kilns, plans & above, that is not to be out within 2 miles of a Railroad.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa.

P.S. I would like you to see me when you come to town.





Joseph Brown, and Allen.— I sent this Paper out—fitting the oath here as prefatory with Brief this you will see, during last summer.— And the Policy is the point of Inquiry of Edward C. Lewis— a great man— in his day!— and nephew of Lee Robert.—

If nothing happens— when I see you this fall we'll go Ottawa Canoeing. I may go the Pacific coast! perhaps!— Tuesday— for Southampton.—

Hoping you are all in the enjoyment of good health and many of you Lake hair: this finds me—

Yours Sincerely—

Charles Hill
H. Brown Esq. Toronto

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1.— Since I made my official report on Beaconsfield— January. 76.— Acton.—

Lawrence Hull. furnished me with copy of his report thereon! after reading it over carefully I still abide by my own views and report. Winter is finely set in this morning.—

This evening at 4.20. p.m.— I start for Southampton— will write you a long letter on my return.—

I give I left out 8 large Locks.— and a Tow boat.— Mills.— in my report of Beaconsfield. Bruce.—

Yours Ever.
04. Feb— 1876
J.W. Keele
P.S.

Memorandum.- for S.P. Ramsay Esqre
Fisheries Department....
Ottawa.- Ont.-

Just got home here at 1.30. p.m.- today.- inspecting. passing and receiving the Fishway on yesterday from Mr. George Gordon.- of the Indian Rapids Mills.- Sangeen River.- Southampton... It is a most complete finished piece of work according to Model and Specification that I have ever seen!..-

I will report on it officially.- on saturday!

Please correct that 3.- error of mine. please make it a 5.- which it really is.- as you discovered it....

About 30 minutes after I left the Hotel, on yesterday.- situated near the Fishway.- for the village of Southampton! Cameron Jones Mills.- on his way home.- from Lake Huron, Fishery.- dropped in to the Hotel!.- to

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see the Lieutenant.- told me at Bruly's Hotel last night.- Ross, told him.- I had been there, examining the fishway, and had gone back to the village! Ross urged him to go and see the Fishway.- but he declined.-

He regards the Herring! I will send you a keg of your own next week...

I shall go to Kincardine by 6.55. a.m. Train, on tomorrow morning, and arrange for to get you some Kincardine! would you like some smoked, and some fresh!-

I have to collect Dues for at Kincardine!...

On tuesday last at 9. a.m.- when leaving Hamilton for Southampton.- it was commencing to snow! when I got back here today,- there is skijling!- It was a regular storm at Southampton.- from last sunday night.- until last night.- when it moderated and calmed down.- At 6. a.m.- this morning, when it

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Train started - there was only another and myself, as passengers. —

Your Memorandum - to The Hon: The Minister, - re Boardmans Boy, - Tommy, - is to the purpose and will give satisfaction; and I am satisfied they will be more careful in future! -

I received package of Blank Warning Notices, by Mail - on last Monday, - and also Circular re. C. gave one telegraph, he received from the Deputy Minister of Customs.

A Journey of 156 miles, from Southampton here, today, - is entitling me to use my own memorandum! Back with due respect. —

I am,
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Hamilton
Dist. Surveyor

Hamilton Ont.
27. Nov: 1854.

P.S. None of my own men are working upon the Warning Stations on L. Erie! - I am writing myself writing letters. —
Wm. J. M. Hamilton -
D.S.

Note! Shall I make out my Contract accounts, now that the Railway is completed? and send it to you first, for approval, in Ms. Queen - Adelaide - Southampton Tommy, - Lucy Ann, Vic gate, - &c. &c.
27. Nov: 1854. - Yrs respectfully, —
J. W. Hamilton - D.S. -

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Hamilton, Ont.,
27. Nov: 1894...

My dear Sister....

Your welcome letter of 3 rec'd on my way back today to Hamilton, & got back here again this evening. Dear Sister you desire to know my hope of mine to explain against the Lord! - whether my be the result of close over study, - or chiefly, - I answer that no part of it has arisen, nor is to be ascribed by the divine permission of the Bible out. -

The Many people, K. do not close ~~closely~~ the Book of God...

This statement it is for my hope. to expose the fraud. that is made with the Bible! when it is a divine book. Glory be unto God! that we can study

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chemistry & any discipline, we are permitted to read in the way of these studies from Hy Heaven our Creator. as long as there is a public of ~~public~~ liberty - the Bible! it is written for the people to read & study over! when the Bible is repudiated. Then - we shall be with the wicked - & then every step is to the extinction of us the people ourselves. -

If with this free liberty given, why these people know their Bible! - Your Country - our crime - is simply to forbid the Sacred Book in their Book. - This you know well, it is a thing not to be with open your eyes for fear your duty - to the Bible! - we then - must close with this question. -

The Church of Rome, have a right to forbid! they are the slaves of the Antichrist

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
28th November 1884.—

Sir

I have the honour to send your Bank draft, No: 88.— for the sum of Thirty dollars.——

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as Boat license fees.— for fishing Herring and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario in front of the Townships of Nelson, and Trafalgar, during the year 1884. as follows:—

1. Thomas Joyce.. Bronte!— For a license to fish two Boats, V. V. V.— the amount is $10.00
2. James Joyce.. Bronte,...For do,— do,— do, the Total amount is $10.— sent now on a/c^{t}..— 5.00.—
3. William Joyce, Bronte.. For do, One Boat V..— 5.00.—
4. William Eagleden,— Bronte. For do, do, do.— 5.00.—

These licenses have been already received!— and delivered by me:—

5. Henry Wilson. Bronte!. For a Boat license to fish 4.000. yards of Herring and Cisco gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of the townships of Nelson, and Trafalgar! and to extent from the beach, outwards for a distance of six miles— in front of the same!—

The amount sent you for this license is $5.00

Total —$30.00

Will you be pleased to send me this license and insert the protection clauses therein.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa....

[illegible] 1894.

I have the report for your information that on the [illegible] 26th instant, I proceeded to the Division of [illegible] Town of Kings, Northampton, in the North Riding of [illegible] and found the Fishway was built, and constructed in accordance with Model, Estimate and Specification, was finished in a workmanlike manner, and to my satisfaction, after I made a close inspection of the same.

I would now most respectfully submit for your consideration the cost and expense for building the same! — as follows:—

To amount contracted for!— as per Estimate, and the same based on Schedule of prices.— ... $379.72

To "Extra charges not included in Estimate."— !!!—

To constructing a special foundation, not included in Estimate! composed of 14 pieces of flatted timber, one end of each, running under the foundation of the Lower mill!— the other end being firmly fastened into the stone wall foundation of the Grist Mill! ...

The same being 20" inches,— below low water line!—

This foundation of the fishway,— Proper"— is firmly bolted and spiked to these timbers ...

The necessity for this, will be at once seen! when it is known, that the Fishway will at times during spring freshets,— be completely submerged! ...

Such a mass of buoyant timber, as this structure is composed of, required something not necessarily to keep it up; but to hold it firmly down!— These timbers are firmly packed, and loaded with stone ...

The charge made for this, is reasonable! ... say!—	$53.00
To 3½ Hours,— time lost by the Grist mill,— having to shut down, while putting in said foundation and gates.—	35.00.—
To lining the Fishway, inside with such lumber.—	6.00.—
To damages done to the Piles,— of the saw mill,—	10.00.
	Total ... $483.72

The Deputy Minister,—
Department of Fisheries.— 1.

To ... $

I may add in my report, that the "Fishway,— which is 52' feet long inside,- and much longer on the outside, is all boarded or planked over on top, so as to protect it "the interior" and keep it from filling with Snow, &c. &c. &c. - - -

It was put in running and working operation, while I was inspecting it,- and it worked to my satisfaction . . .

Squire. J. Y. Conway.- of Southampton, and Mr. George Gordon,- the Contractor- were present, when I made my examination and inspection of the Fishway, and premises . - -

It is a fishway of great strength, and durability, and I hope it will long continue a useful model of perfection . - - -

Being the first, of a very superior and useful Kind constructed in Ontario, no pains has been spared to make it according to the model and specification . - - -

It will henceforth, be an excellent example- for all future Fishways,- that may be hereafter constructed in Mills dams,- and Mills races,- of the Rivers and Creeks- of Ontario . —

The Buckets,- or Steps,— 9. in number,- are made of good sound maple . - - -

In conclusion, I must report to you that I feel a pride in being the first Fishery Officer, in Ontario,- permitted to superintend the erection of a "Fishway,— that must always reflect honor and respect on the intelligent inventor, Mr. William Henry Rogers,— Amherst, Cumberland; Province of Nova Scotia . - -

"Finally,— I now recommend that as the work is well done and substantially finished to my satisfaction, that you will be pleased to pay to Mr. George Gordon,— the sum of $ 483.72 c! — for the work completed . - -

I Have the Honor to be, —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum - for - S. B. Bartlett Esq re
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa! —

As I told you in my last, - I went to Bronte,
Lake Ontario. last friday - collected some licence
fees! the fishermen there, - 16 boats, - fished
up on last thursday, and they caught 35.000.
lbs, - at $1.00. per 100. fish smoked, is
$350.00 ... So much for Bronte! —

I must send you a specimen, sample of these
fishes numerous fish of Lake Ontario! —

Here is a man at Bronte, who manu-
factures - about 2. Barrels - per day - Oil,
from the guts of these fish. —

I go tomorrow, and will endeavour to
get you some fish like last shipping.

I had a letter from Killaney, on satur-
day, - by the last boat of this season 2,
half packages of white fish, specially got

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up, were sent to me - by D. Cameron, -
when they arrive I shall forward one to you
as I gave the order for that purpose. ----

I am satisfied you will like these white
fish, - boiled - with cream dressing —

I got a letter from F. H. Carey, - of
Lyal Island, - fisherman: - Lake Huron; -
in Emerson James Muirs - division, - he Carey,
states! I paid Briggs - last fall, - he
collected four dollars, - for Muir. —

Now, I may ask you, what became of
that four dollars! Yr. This was for 1888 -
Carey's - letter - goes on to say! —
And I will get this years licence
next week. — Now for Mr. Briggs, Muir & Co.

I will report officially - as soon as I
get you Carey - Muirs - receipt for the
current year! that you may know how
the money goes!!! ---

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Ref my Official report, sent,- the Deputy will, you will find the Fishery completed- it is a great, grand success!- but a perfect model! No! I believe I should call it! The Model of perfection!!!—

No Lazy Indians will be required any more! to lift Buckets- Mullets,- Sturgeon, pickerel nor Pike,- Dam Dam's dam.———

Each Bucket,- I could almost stand up, inside in the lower end of it.———

Geo Squire,- J. T. Conway,- Southampton, who was prejudiced against it.- I took him with me, he viewed it with the top boards,- off- from the side windows,- while I stood on the top of it.— He was perfectly surprised and astonished!—

It will in all respects, now that it is finished! give general satisfaction.———

I spent at least 2 hours- looking all over it, and all under it; and in the the inside of it.— It is when it is to be under water, and got it, on as the rain or let down the gate! whilst to place it in the centre of the dam, was impracticable.- Besides of places there, it could never be got at, being a large Jacket,- from in a Boat!—

It took 3 good Carpenters, upwards of 3 weeks at daily work,- besides others getting out- hauling materials. K.. K.. K..

It is finished, and well finished!!.-

Yours Most truly to the Gate, the Fisheries department,- the Contractor, and Mr Rogers.———

Last with profound respect.——

I am,—

My Friend!—

Your Obedient Servant,

Hamilton, Bda, 1st December 1864. John Hill Kerr— Fishery Engr.

[illegible] Pfennig sagst, Kind. Du schuldest mir
zwei Pfennig und ich schulde dir einen
ganzen Groschen. Kind, so gehst zwei.
Ich nehme 2 Pfennige und du nimmst
1 Groschen. !!"—

Der Junge schien mir so empfindsam zu
sein. Er hat Kinder, dachte ich, Kinder,
die er liebt. Ein Schuft eben. —
Kinder bestehlen, Kinder quälen,
wenn sie klein sind, und wenn sie
wachsen, sie verraten. —

Der Junge: J. D. Sonntag. Kindergarten,
wie man Pfennige spaltet ist. — 2 Kinder
kommt zu mir, ich will die Pfennige
teilen. Ich gebe die Pfennige, also
2 Pfennige und ich habe 1 Groschen
und ich behalte 1 Pfennig. Ich habe
2 Pfennige und 1 Groschen. —
Ich habe 3 ganze Pfennige, schenke
2 davon der Kindergarten, Kinder
kriegen nie genug. Ich... Ich...
Ich bin Pfennige, nur mehr Pfennige !!. —

Der Junge: Ich habe 3 Pfennige,
die Kinder schenken, die Kindergarten
nur 2 Pfennige. — —

Ihre nicht Pfennige Kapitel. —

Ja. —

Der Junge !—
Der Pfennig kommt
Pfennig
Pfennig. Ende.
14. Februar 1922. Kleine Ewer.

Private.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
1st Dec: 1884.—

My dear Gordon.—

I have made out and sent in my report, and I have recommended that you be paid the full amount of your bill 463.72.— but it is as well that you should send me down your Time Book, the number of days each Carpenter, or other man worked, and rate paid each. per day!—

Number of Loads of stone, or Tons,— put in the foundation. value! also value of the 14 flatted timbers: sizes. &c. don't fail to send me this immediately.—

I may be asked for a detailed statement of the Extras,— and although in every manner satisfied myself from the close observation I made of the fishways, outside, and the premises,— the inside with steps, or buckets,— and top boarded or plank over; still I believe it advisable that you supply me at once! as I ask you for.—

Yours Gordon Esqre Yours fraternally.—
The Gordon Rapid Mills. John W. Kerr. F.C.—
Southampton. Ont^{o}

Hamilton, Ont^{o}
My Friend Peter!— 1st Decr 1884.—

Your letter received on my arrival home here at 1.30. p.m.— on last thursday— from Southampton, Lake Huron.—

On last friday I was at it again!—

Today, I go this morning 36 miles— home again, and off this evening to Niagara.—

On my return home— will telegraph you, when to meet me at Port Dover.—

I have already got Aldersons returns,— and we can get Ansleys— when you and I arrive at Port Dover.—

If the ducks will keep— bring them along, to Dover! if not send them on by Express,— I will in any case pay you for them.— I have been kept very busy since last August,— but I am in good health,— Mrs Kerr and family all well, and desire to be kindly remembered to You, Mrs Price & family.— Yours as ever!—

Peter Price Esqre John W. Kerr F.C.
P.C. St Williams, Ont^{o}.

P.S. Bring with you to Dover when I telegraph you the returns of all Seat caught in your division of Long Point,— and we can when we put our heads and accounts together,— make out a creditable return for Ottawa,— for you to sign,— Ya. Yours Ye.—

J. W. Keer. J. Cameron.

United States."—

Thos. Wilson,—

Dickerman.—

Brants,

Cutler

Mailed on the
6. November 1864.
Dixfield P.O.—

plo... dum, [illegible] S. P. Bausett Esq[illegible]
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa. . . .

I se... you this Box of Herring caught in a gill ... Lake ... this morning.
I thi... will ... they are splendid! and grow op... ...ers an... up. and in eating resemble in some respects ... fish, — this is owing to the superior kind of food they devour. — I expressed them from Sec: Bridge a.m. this morning. — having brought them from Niagara, up that far myself. — Give the Minister some of them! — and let him pass Judgement on them. . . . Tomorrow morning at 7.30. a.m. leave for Port Dover — to meet Peter Peca, P.O. & shew him how to make out his Annual returns — or do it for him myself — spending mill dum — at Nanticoke — where the people want a fish way, — on my return home have report on it!
It is of no consequence to Hall! — how the cases of Beardmore and Coy. are disposed of — he is a good Conservative, and second on the goose

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question. . . He always looks to me for advice, and while discharging his duty is in favour of helping Beardmore out of his difficulties. And he feels proud of such an industry being in his division! — At same time duty is duty. — Let the deputy in his decision impress on the minds of these people — the necessity there is of keeping this Otter Creek, free! from all impure things — in future. . . .
I have got Queens — Illinois — receipt, from Coney — Lyal Islands — L. Huron — for $5, — paid to Illin — at Port Eagin — on 15th Nov. — for season of 1884. — you shall have it, and my report thereon next week. —
Herring, Sturgeon and Pickerel take at Niagara — is very fair — Herring of the ... I send you is only $1¼ per 100 fish. —
Nothing more at present! — and believe me as ever! Your Obedient Servant. —
Hamilton. Ont. 3. Dec: 1884. J. Phill. Wilkes — P.O.

P.S. — Herring spawning in B. bay — is fine! — will look in there myself soon! my sons attend to it at present. — J.W. Kerr P.O.

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Hamilton, Ont.
8th December 1884.—

Sir

I have to report, and as in duty bound, I forward through you, To. The Deputy Minister, Department of Marine. Letter, copy, No: 1,— dated Big Island, October 27th 1884, received from F. N. Corey,— Fisherman.—

Also, my answer thereto, marked No: 2, dated 5th November 1884! addressed to F. N. Corey, Big Island,— Stokes Bay,— Post office,— North Bruce.—

Also F. N. Corey's reply— dated Big Island,— L. Hn, 14. November 1884,— marked No: 3.— Together with printed Notice— from Marine Department, dated Ottawa, 17th October 1884.— To quit, and move off,— signed by Wm Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine.———

Also a receipt, marked No: 4, for $ 5. License Fee, for the year 1884! Given by James Muir, P. Ranger.

I respectfully recommend that you, and the deputy Minister of Marine, will be pleased to give F. N. Corey, your Kind consideration.—

F. N. Corey,— is an old fisherman, of more than 40 yrs came from Nova Scotia, with his father and family— and settled on Burlington Beach, Lake Ontario.—

Being induced by the D. B. Shiboleen,— Hamilton,— he went from B. Beach, to Lyal Island,— Lake Huron,— in May 1883, and began extensive fishing there.—

The Shiboleen, became embarrassed while carrying a Lumbering, near Stokes Bay,— say 3 miles, from Lyal Island, Lake Huron,— North Riding of Bruce!— Fled the country, taking considerable money with him, belonging to Corey,— Whatever right,— Corey— may be entitled to, under Section 2, and 3,— of the Fisheries Act,— I sincerely recommend him for your, and the deputy Minister of Marine most

To, The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa.— 1.

fully, and favourable consideration. —

I am 20, years, (less 10 days.) as Fishery Overseer, I have known every myself, as a fisherman. — I have also reason to know, that what he states, in his letter, is true, and correct. — —

In other reports of mine, I have referred to a man named Riggs, — and the loose way, Overseer James Muir, of Port Logie, — collects, — and makes his returns of licenses fees to your department. —

You will please observe — now, — that in H. M. Riggs, letter, No: 3, — herewith, — he states: that he paid Riggs, — in full of 1883, — for Overseer Muir, — 4/ license fee, for 1884 — this sum has not been accounted for, — yet by Overseer, James Muir, — please refer to Mr Bennett. —

I attach the memorandum of James Muir — Fishery Overseer, — dated Port Logie, 15. November 1884, for 4/6 being for fishing privilege at Lyall Island for season 1884, given to Frederick Berry, by the Overseer, and establishing Berry's right there as a fisherman. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servt —
J. L. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

P.S.

It may happen, — Overseer — James Muir — may forget to send in to the department, this 4/6 — if so, Mr Bennett, will know what to do about it, —
J. W. Kerr. — P.S.

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No 1.

Copy.

Big Island.
October, 27th 1884.

Mr J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir,

I have just received notice that I must remove my House from the Harbour which I have made. I came here a few years last May. Before there was any thought of building a Light House here. I put up a House 16' feet by 20' feet, Peak roof, and shingled. Also a Building 36' feet by 20' feet, boarded and battened and lined and shingled roof, and platform in front, so that I can bring my Boat along side. Also a Cooper Shop, and a Cooper making Barrels. (Herring.)

I have worked hard all summer to get a good place for fishing. I worked hard to get the water deep enough for my boat. I had to go in the water, with a Pick, and dig it out. And I have the best Fish Station on the Peninsula! so much so, that a Fisherman from Goderich offered me ($400.) four hundred dollars, for to leave it. I took about 8 load of stone out of it.

All I made in gathering logs, and ties; I built out on the Harbour.

Now, My dear friend; I hope you will do your best for me; I think the Law allows me to land, on public property, and put up Buildings for the purpose of carrying on fishing. And can they put me off? They have put the Light House right along side of me: I wish to know of you, whether I shall let them know, what I want;

To move or notice whether I shall leave it to

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Hamilton. Ont.
10. December 1834.—

My dear Charles,—

When I was last in the Ctd. Town of Niagara,— your brother— Mr. John Bolton!— asked my permission for you to jibb a Sturgeon line— with Hooks— in the River,— I gave my consent thereto— provided it did not hurt Allens jibbing for Mrs. Elliot— It now appears— that Allen says in consequence of your line being set in the River in front of the Queens Hotel— it has prevented and stopped the run of the fish— so much so— that since the line and hooks— have been set there— Allen complains he has caught any fish with Mrs. Elliots seine.— On receipt of this— please lift your line and set away up the River, above the jibbing ground! Yours truly.—

J. H. Kerr— P.S.

Mr. Charles Bolton.—
Niagara.—

P. S.—

In consequence of the sad affliction in Mrs. Elliots family.— by the sad illness of her Husband— Mr. Thomas Elliot— and for whom we all feel and grieve.— I am satisfied you will at once as a friend and well wisher of Mrs Elliot, and family remove the line at once.—

Yours &c.
J. H. Kerr—

Immediate!—

No: 2.

Copy.—

Hamilton. Canada.
Dear Sir.— 5. November 1844.—

Your letter of the 27th October, came safely
duly to hand last evening.—

You write me to be remaining — any thing for
me!— This is all, since we last Mail, you have
not wrote me! to this moment.—

Surely! I am sure you might you may have
wrote me Some Lines, Since this.— But Sir,— for
getting him you— you may have paid Sir for
that Lines since you have began getting of the
Big Salmon,— (for Salmon) Sir Thomas; and I write
him by the help you.— Sir on this is doing
what I require of you.—

Your Sir.—
Thomas.—
Fishery Overseer

To
W. H. Murray.—
Big Salmon.—
Hudson Bay.— Office.—
Red River,

N.B. Sir Thomas this is a Fishery Overseer,— Sir Thomas
wrote to you on some Lines of Big Salmon, Fishery
that you at once Lines to wrote you may have got
your Sir.— I Hope you are — getting to do this
year. W.
Thomas.— H. O.—

Hamilton. Ont.
8. December 1884.

My dear Friends.—

Your letters received. glad to hear you are well.— Your money will be all right for you at Christmas.—

I have been busy — hence my reason for not writing you sooner.—

My Kind regards. and respects. to you — all.—

Believe me —

Yours Sincerely.—
J. W. Kerr. —

Mr John Fennell.
Rock Stone.
Esplanade — Opposite end of Alabama st.
Toronto.—

Mrs.

Big Island. — S. Ont.
Thursday. Nov. 13th 1884.—

My dear Mrs Kerr.—

I received your letter of the 8th inst. — and was glad to hear from you. — I am sorry that you have been sick. — I hope you are better now. — I have been very busy lately. — I have had a great deal of writing to do. — I have written a letter to Mr. Kerr. — I have also written a letter to Mr. Kerr. — I have also written a letter to Mr. Kerr. — I have also written a letter to Mr. Kerr. —

Mrs. Mary Kerr
Hamilton
Ont.

Mrs. J. W. Kerr
Big Island
Ont.

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[illegible]

24th August 1814.–

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Memorandum for [illegible]
Victoria Dispatch
Office.—

Ex. St. Barque — Antelope Master
Gibson: — on your own Charter
to Messrs Gibson & Co. Melbourne. — and
dispatch Ex. Briggs — 74 Tons gross 1866,
and Steam Screw — Steamer 15 Nom. 1866.
for season of 1866 —

Barque — Having written you, by Barque
Atlanta the 9th inst. Messrs Gibson &
Sons to draw on you for £1000 —
Sterling — value Proceeds from Sale
Cotton Bales No: 3 — and Receipts No: 4. for £5 —
you will now have received Invoice
& Bill of Lading — and Policy —
I send you one copy of my Letter
by Mail — Steamer — and Policy — &
remain Yours faithfully [illegible]
[illegible]

other duty, or else Insurance. — —

Barque Antelope — H. M. — will leave
for any Port you may Consider fit — and Consignees —
and send you Bill of Lading, —
and I will complete and send Bill to
you again — as I want some money, —
I am glad the Barque arrived safe with
Flour on board for Port Phillip,
some other Vessels Belonging
Owners Loaded — and Melbourne — Hobson
Bay — Port Phillip — you did
Loss on Flour — Cotton very high, —
Steamer expected to Sail
a day or two. —

Yours truly
[illegible]
[illegible]

Melbourne, Victoria
15 Dec: 1866.

Private!
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Hamilton. Ont.
10. December 1884.

My dear Sir—

Yours of the 8th instant received.
I can see no objection to your getting up a
contra Petition.—

I will wait for ten days, to enable you
to do so; before I shall make my report.—

Address the Petition,—
To.—The Hon.ble The Minister of
Marine and Fisheries.— Ottawa.—

And when you get about 300.— names to
it.— send it at once to me:—

The Fisheries department have no desire
to inflict an injury in any way on you, or on
your family.— and I feel thankful to you and
My Queen Warwick,— for confiding in me, in
much of your private affairs.—
Thine Warwick Esq.re J.P.
Mile Corner.— Manitoba— Can.a

I am quite familiar with your Creek, for
the last 19 years,— as a Fishery officer.—
Believe me! with due respect.—
Yours Sincerely.—
J.W. Kerr— Fishery Overseer

P.S.—

Please thank your wife for me:
for the long business letter. she has written to
me!— and tell her when I make my report. I
will send it as much as yours.— To. The
Hon.ble The Minister. V. V. V.
Yours.— V.—
J.W. Kerr— P.O..

Hamilton. Ont.
10. December 1884.

M. L. Briggs Esq.
Syracuse. — N. Y. —

My dear Sir, —

Yours of 8th instant. received! and in answer to your enquiries, I may inform you! that pike nets - for catching white fish and Salmon Trout - must be 5 inches. extension measure. — Any nets under this size - is illegal, and you can not fish them. —

The licenses are from $5. - up to $40, - per year. — You can procure a Boat license for $5. - or $10. — If your son is determined to fish. - let him write - I will help him: when he has made the necessary preparation. — Yours Truly. —

John W. Kerr. — F. O. —

Memorandum for S. B. Bousfield Esq.
Fisheries Department, —
Ottawa! —

Will you be so good as to send me Six blank forms of Quarterly Diary. —

And oblige, —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
11th December 1884.

Memorandums.- for Thomas S. Bell, Esqre
Civil Engineer.- Hamilton.- Ont^o.

The Dam on Nanticoke Creek, where it is proposed to build a Fishway.- is 100' feet wide...

And it is only 4 Feet and 4^in. 8^m.- from the stone bottom of the Creek, to the top of the upper square timber of the dam.... The bottom of the Creek is all rock, and very uneven; hence why the difference in the measurements, from the bottom of the Creek, to the top of dam.....

From one side of the Creek to the other side of the Creek; for the space of 100' Feet the dam is planked, with 12' Feet plank! sloping from the upper square timber in front, back under water,- being spiked to the rear timber of the Dib.... Under this planking.- the dam is secured by Stones placed there, to keep the dam in its place, and position..... Perhaps a 12' Feet fishway.- or 15 ft. will be all sufficient.. To be 5' Feet wide, and 4' Ft^in.

2.-

in depth,- with 3 Rest Rests,- as per Model, 2' Feet high.

It will not be necessary for to include any part of the outside work.- of the Model.- the Flume is all that will be required!-.

I send you the specification for a full size Fishway as per Model.- It will aid you in making out the Bills of materials for this Nanticoke Seminutia Fishway.-

Please Keep Model and specification safe for me.. I will either send or call for them on to-morrow.- Wednesday.-

Yours Sincerely.-
J. Hill Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton.-
10th December 1884. 3

John William Kerr.—

Hamilton,
on extra duty outside my division at Saugeen, V. V. V. Lake Huron, Ont.o.
21st August, 1884. 27th November 84

						in miles.	
1884.							
August	21.	Received Orders from Deputy Minister Fisheries.					
		to proceed to Southampton - Lake Huron. —					
	22,	Proceeded to Southampton, — Railway fare. —	1.	15c. Ry. V.	10.	10. —	
	23.	At Dumays dam. - making an inspection. —	1.	6.H.& B.	2.	00. —	
	24.	At Southampton. - writing all day. —	1.	—"—	"	"	
	25,	At Southampton, and Hamilton, for Orders.	1.	154. Ry. V.	2.	00. —	
	26,	Thence Hamilton, back to Southampton. —	1.	160, do,	5,	65. —	
	27.	At Paisley, Port Elgin, Saugeen, Chippewa, V.		84 & B.			
		inspecting saw-Mills. - for reports. —	1.	54. Ry.	4.	55. —	
	28,	At Lake Rosh, making enquiries respecting					
		Canoe, Mills - collections on licence fees. —	1.	40. H.& B.	3.	50. —	
	29.	Attended before J. P. Conaway, J. P. re suit vs. Brennan					
		& Boy. - Farmers, had them fined $5. and costs, as per report. —	1.	6.H.& B.	2,	50. —	
	30.	At Southampton and Hamilton. / a Jones ticket on					
		26th inst. through kindness of C. Riff Esq. M.P.P. Ry.	1.	16c. Ry. V.	2.	50. —	
			1.	160. Ry. V.	10.	10. —	
September,	8.	Hamilton, thence to Southampton. —					
	9.	At Saboe Beach. to see Mess.rs Bruce & Hunt					
		Bros. Fishermen there. - per reports. —	1.	40. H.& B.	3.	50. —	
	10.	Off to Paisley — to visit saw-Mills, — and Mr.					
		M. P. — for North	1.	24. H.& B.	3.	25. —	
	11.	Interview, with Canoe Manufacturer, James Muir, —	1.	—"—	1.	50. —	
	12.	Attended before J. P. Conaway Esq.re J. P. — Case dismissed					
		Donaldson, had to pay $5. for putting fish gate Saugeen Ry.	1.	—"—	1.	50. —	
	13.	At Southampton and Hamilton. — Return ticket —	1.	16c. Ry. V.	2.	30. —	
October,	8.	Hamilton to Southampton, about Fishways —	1.	16c. do.	9.	85. —	
	9.	At Dumays dam, - gave instructions to Jos. Gordon,					
		to erect fishway - per Flotta and Spaulpington. —	1.	6.H.& B.	8.	00. —	
	10.	Southampton, and Hamilton! Return ticket —	1.	16c. Ry. V.	2.	30. —	
			1.	152, do. —	9.	75. —	
November,	25.	Hamilton and Southampton. —	1.	6.H.& B.	2.	50. —	
	26.	At Gordon - Rapid Mills. re inspecting fishway —	1.	16c. Ry. V.	2.	30. —	
	27.	Southampton and Hamilton. Return ticket —	1.	16c. Ry. V.	2.	30. —	
		Dated. — Expenses. — V. — 21 days on special duty, ½					
		at $2. per. —	½	—"—	—"—	42. 00. —	
		Total. —	21.	1762 miles	$126.	65 cts	

John W. Kerr

Hamilton,
Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.—
12th December 1884.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to send herewith, for your consideration, and approval my account, and expenses,—for extra duty outside my division, at Saugeen, & Lake Huron.——

From 21st August, to 27th November 1884.—$126.65.

Voucher 1. John W. Kerr.— For Postages.—— .50.
" 2. John W. Kerr.— " Cleaning.——— 1.50.
" 3. John W. Kerr.——— Stationary.— 1.80.
" 4. John W. Kerr.— " Telegraphs.— 1.66.
Total.—$132.11.

In submitting for your information, this account,— I have to report that on the 21st August last,— I received your cheque for $70.— which was advanced to me to commence the duty herein specified: and I have endeavoured to do my duty as ordered by you, according to the best of my ability.——

I have the honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obdient Servant.—
J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—Ont.

Memorandum for L. O. Bernatchez Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa.— Ont^o.

Many thanks for your Kindness.— I send my accounts for Langevin &c.— Lake Shore.— and Fishways.— Trips in to day.—

I hope you will be pleased to send me balance of account.— at your convenience.—

My wife took seriously ill at 11. p.m. on Tuesday night.— I very much regret telling you, with Heart disease,— and she still is confined to her bed.— but of late.— Son of my sons.— with Horse and buggy.— down to Hamilton for the Doctor.— I am in hopes.— she will be soon all right again.

I have a letter from Mr George Gordon,— who built the Fishway,— enquiring about his money,— and stating to me; that Tenney.— told him! the Government,— was more prompt in their payments.— Gordon paid up on the Bills,— If I— and me to Trenton,— to superintend the building of another Fishway,— as soon as I examine the plans and estimate the plans to build: make out and send in my estimate of the cost,— and give my opinion of it.— I would like this to have Mr Longstaff, and his Band & Carpenters to build it.— They are more used of this sort of Work,— now, and more handy,— and might.— until the work was completed.— However I will say no more until after I see Trenton.—

I have a good deal to write you about but I must defer it:— Write the Minister be at Sir John Bengat,— Toronto,— I intended to be there myself, only for my wife's illness,—

With Kind and affectionate Regards,—
Hamilton, Ont^o.
12. Dec: 1884.

Yours Obediently,—
Wm. H. Cowan.

Hamilton. Ont.
15. December 1884.

My dear Hulke. –

Your last letter was received by me just as I was starting for Southampton. And I am glad to find your heart and feelings still in the right place. – –

Some people say! that the speckled Trout in Alton Creek. died. when the brook dried up in Summer. – I am glad to hear from you. that the cattle all died before you were appointed F. C.

"You ask me to let you Know, – if Mr. Moore, – is to filter the refuse dye stuff, as "this is the cause of all the whole trouble, and "he can do it so cheaply". – – The discharge "of the dye stuff, – is only made once in a "while, and is easily disposed of. –"

"Please advise as regards this matter". –

In answer to this, I may tell you, that on tomorrow 20 years ago. I was appointed F. Convey, during all this time, during the years that are past, my experience in Sheep skins,

1.

Tanneries – and Woollen Factories – has been very extensive! – And my experience is!! – After close study, and personal observation! and mind you. My friend, and brother, – my Knowledge was only after like application – at last fairly acquired – at last. – ——

And my Knowledge is this! – Viz. – –

So long as there is vitality in the Dye stuffs, – or in the Chemicals – used in Mr. Moore's Tannery, – he will not discharge it from his premises! and be assured, that when he does discharge the dye stuff once in a while from his premises; that its state is then harmless. For being used so repeatedly. it is to use a common phrase! completely used up!! – persons like Mr. Moore, – and Mr. Moore, will tell you: that it is only after the virulence of the Chemicals and dye stuffs are wrung from them! – and they are altogether useless! that the stuff is discharged! .

And in this case. before any portion of it, reached the Creek from the Tannery, – evaporation – would – (taking it for granted)

2.

Mannheim. Sonntag.

Mein liebes Kind. — 15. Januar 1888. —

Dein lieber Brief von gestern hat mir
viel Freude gemacht, denn ich sehe daraus,
daß Du Dich in Deiner neuen Stellung wohl
befindest. Ich habe mich auch sehr gefreut,
daß Du Dir einen Platz gefunden hast, wo
Du Deine Ferien zubringen kannst. Ich
habe mir gedacht, daß Du Dich dort sehr
langweilen wirst, weil Du ja niemand
kennst, und weil Du auch nicht viel Zeit
haben wirst, Dich mit den Leuten zu unter-
halten. Aber Du wirst Dich ja wohl
mit Deinen Büchern trösten können.
Ich habe mich auch sehr gefreut, daß Du
Dir Deine Stiefel selbst gekauft hast, denn
ich habe mir gedacht, daß Du sie Dir
wohl nicht hast schicken lassen, weil Du
dann nicht hättest wissen können, ob
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that something hurtful to fish, stic Romaine? is in the spices intervening between the Creek and the tannery - say about 50 years - completely deprive it of any injurious matter, if any remaining. —

Lagoon, for instance, — although it discolours the water is perfectly harmless towards Sparkling trout. —

Please excuse me for taking up your time at such length, — the case is now disposed of. — You and I can say! thank God - we have done our duty, and whatever the Minister gives his decision - You and I — and I hope and I believe all concerned will be satisfied. — I am as usual, —

Yours fraternally
J. W. Kerr — J.P. —

W. Hall Esq.
J. Conway. —
Chas Billings,

P.S. Called on Mr Moore, have a chat with him, — and suggest a filling in, — if necessary. — J. W. Kerr — J.P.

Private! H

Hamilton, Ont.
20. December 1884. —

My dear Brother Conway, —

I am happy to tell you: — that I got for Mr. George Gordon, — for constructing the Fishway, — and providing all the material, workmanship, &c. $438.72 c. — — — Mr. Gordons Bill, — was $483.72 c. but $35.00 was struck out, a charge for stopping the mill, while connecting the fishway - with the flume, - and while putting in the foundation, - of fishway, - and also $10, - extra, - for work done in fitting and securing the foundation of fishway, - under the sill of the old saw mill: —

I sent friend Gordon - cheque for $438.72 c. on 13th instant, — Another charge he has made, - he will have to submit through your worthy M.P. — Have you written that Petition for Malcolm McKenzie. — Please answer! Yours fraternally, —

J. W. Kerr — J.P.

J. P. Conway Esq.
J.P. Southampton.

Private.

Hamilton, Ont°,
15. Dec! 1884.—

My Friend and Brother!—

Your Kind favour was duly received by me!— I only wrote you, not for the purpose of finding any fault, or asking any question about your opinion! but simply that I might be in a sound position for to answer inquisitive questions: in case such were put to me:—

Your letter contained however, all the information that I required, and for which I thank you very kindly. . . .

I made my report on the 29th ultimo, before, I received your letter of 2nd instant— with such a satisfactory explanation. . . . . .

I stated thus:—

"I prove the Jetway,—was built and completed in accordance with model, estimate, and specification; and was finished in a workmanlike manner and to my satisfaction, after I had made a close inspection of same?

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after — ge able the — as per — Bike.—
answer — able to — 32f. d. — my
report! — s!

I may — my — that the
"Jetway" did in 52 Jr — ge ans — is is meat
"Longer" is outside — all be — and planks
"Two" or — so as to — t the. — ans keep
"It from" — ge with a — !— V.
"Pls" Go — put — work & operation,
"While" I was inspecting — and it worked to my
"satisfaction?"—

"I join J. V. Lawson of Southampton, and "Wm George Gordon, the Contractor — present, "and Wm Gordon, aided me; when I made my "Examination and inspection of the Jetway" and "premises:

"It is — way of — should and durable "like — hope it may long continue a useful "model of perfection!"—

"Being the first of a very superior and useful "Kind — erected in Ontario, no pains have been "spared to make it according to the — and the "— specification."—

J.

"It will henceforth, be an excellent example, for "all future fishways, that may be henceforth con- "structed in this down, and likewise of the "Rivers and Lands of Ontario."—

"The Buckets, or Steps, 9 in number, are well "made of good sound maple according to the "model."

"In conclusion I must report to you, that I feel a "pride in being the first fishery Officer in Ontario, for "entitled to superintend the erection of a Fishway, that "must always reflect honor and respect on the in- "telligent inventor, the Hon. Thos. Rogers, "Clarkson, Cumberland. Province of "Upper Canada."—

"Finally, I now recommend that as the "work is well done, and substantially finished "to my satisfaction; that you will be pleased to "pay to Mr. George Gordon, the sum of "£48.12.6, for the work completed."

Now! I have given you above, my official report, — I am obliged you will get your cheque this week, — it may be sent to me for you. — —

I am now preparing a report on another fishway, — near Lake Erie, — and today I was reminded of a Fishway, — to be built in a New dam, at Trenton, — by the Municipality of that place. — The construction of which I have to superintend. — —

I have received instructions to communicate with Mr. John D. Evans, Civil Engineer of Trenton, Ont, — Lake Ontario — near Belleville. — I will have to go there, and select the location, make or assist in making an Estimate; and then superintend the work. — The Municipality is to pay all the cost and expenses. —

As soon as everything is ready, — I will advise you so that you may inform Langstaff, — he might tender for dam, fishway and all. —

With kind regards, —

Yours faithfully, —

Jno. Jordan Esq. Dep. Com. of Crown Lands, Toronto.

J. W. Keele — P. O. —

Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
16. December 1884.

My dear Sir,

I send you herewith, cheque on Bank of Montreal, dated Ottawa, 15th December 1884, for the sum of $438.72 cts. being in full cost of building Fishway on Dennis mile dam, Saugeen River, being amount allowed by the Fisheries department, Ottawa.

I send you copy of the letter herewith, that I received this day from the Deputy Minister of Fisheries; for your information; so that you may be in possession of the amount of the deductions $45.00 make you your bill.

Will you be pleased to sign the receipt herewith in duplicate and return them to me. I wish you, and yours a happy Christmas, and many returns of the same.

And believe me, Yours faithfully.
George Gordon Esq.
Dennis Rapid Mills
Southampton. Ont.

J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Copy.

Department of Fisheries
Ottawa, 15th Dec. 1884.

Sir,

Herewith please find a cheque for the sum of $438.72 cts. in full payment of the Fishway built under your directions at Dennis mill dam, Saugeen River, which please forward to Mr. Gordon.

The Department having liberally assumed the whole cost of building this fishway, when one half of it might legally be collected from the owner, the following items charged in Mr. Gordon's bill of extras are struck out.

Loss of time by grist mills, shut down, 35.00
Damage to hides, 10.00
Total, $45.00

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Sd. John Tilton.
Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

J. W. Kerr Esq.
Hamilton.
Ont.

Peter Neill Esqre.
The Lord Mayor.—

My dear Friend.—
May it please your
Excellency!—

Stanillon.—Co^ty^:
16. December 1884.—

My dear Peter,

Yours received!—I am de=
lighted to hear from you,— But deeply regret
to hear of your sad misfortune.— I have not
in my possession a single yard of any kind
of a gill net.—

If your Historical account of the Salmon
is correct,— you have immortalized your=
self, as this is the first report of Salmon
for year 1884.—

I am glad to learn you have been
honored with a diploma for 200. spe=
cimens of Potatoes.— Your Livers &^c^
Circumference.— That is nothing! I am
assured I can win the gold medal

1.

2.

for year 1885— on big grand specimens
of a new mysterious sublime Buckshot
specimen?? I got from a warm friend and
near neighbor,— who lives outside of the
Corporation of Port Dalhousie,— Got the
specimen,— know you the Big Hotel was
burned!— You remember the Big Hotel,
recently burned down! where last summer
— Travellers could not obtain a dinner!—
and would have died of Starvation!—
Self dubbed Pete and his kind, good
hearted Frauline, came to his aid!—
and may God bless her!— Amen!
I shall soon pay you a visit! will start
some morning early— from Niagara— of which
you shall have due and timely notice— and
get you to row me up to Beaverville,
— Grimsby,— Take up the Quilting Corpo=
tion of Turkeys— Drink Gilbert Teas
Dyson. E.. V.. V.. .— on our way up.
Have your returns all ready for me!.

2.

Mr Tyson, and all others concerned, we will give a hearing to, as you and I— started along.— behind the wild Horses.— and we can talk all matters over between us,— our own affairs,— and every body's affairs.— I may go on this Trip before Christmas,— and get up my returns.— I hope it will snow so that we may have good sleighing.—

I have been on Lake Huron,— 22 days, since 21st ult. August last,— up to 27th ult. of November last!— or you would most certainly have seen me before this!—

I thank you most sincerely,— for your kind enquiries after myself, and family.— Except Mrs Kerr,— we are all well,— she is. I deeply regret to tell you my errand at present, but hope soon to be able to tell you she is all right,— again.—

And with Kind regards to you, and yours,— believe me as ever —

Your friend,— J. W. Kerr— P.O.

Private!



My friend and brother!—

As I promised you,— I gave Mr Edward Busby,— the draft,— of the Petition for you,— which you were to get brother J. F. Conway,— to write out for you! and which you were to get signed by the fishermen of Lake Huron.

Get it copied out, signed and presented to. The Hon.ble The Minister of Marine and Fisheries— Ottawa,— by your worthy and esteemed M. P.— A. McNeill.— for North Bruce.—

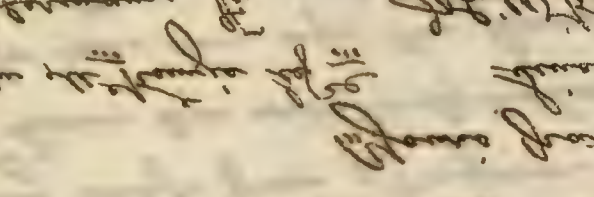
Believe me!—

Yours fraternally,— and Sincerely.—

Malcolm McKenzie Esq.re J. W. Kerr— P.O.—
Fisherman. &c. Hamilton. Ont.o
Southampton.— Ont.o

20. Dec: 1884.———

P.S. Answer!— I wish you a happy Christmas,— and many happy returns — J. W. Kerr— P.O.—



Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
17th December 1884.—

L. F. St. McLeau Esqre
Sauble Mills.— Ont^{o}.

Gentlemen.—

Your favour of the 15th instant, is just received with enclosure.—

I am perfectly astonished at Squire Conway.— why, my feelings were always with you. Knowing as I do, the why, and the wherefore! that land Coureur James Mc^{n}.— to give you!!—

In Order to show you what my feelings were on the 18th September last.— I now quote for your information from a letter I wrote the Fisheries department on that day! — thus:

"Mr Lewis.— Mills and lumber was "all burned on last thursday night.— Loss is "estimated at $40.000.— Insured for only $10.000.— "This is the person. Coureur James Mc^{n} had "fined $20. and $2— Costs.— a short time ago!"

"I suppose you will now allow the fine to re= "main in abeyance.— I recommend same for your "favourable consideration!— The McLeans are "mine!" "Mine was on the Sauble." —

I remember Squire Conway.— speaking to me on the 26th November last, at South= ampton.— nothing definite was done....

From a conversation I had with Mr Alexander McNeil. M. P.— at his place near Ripley.— on the 10th September last.— "About your fine."— I then became satisfied in my mind: that the Minister would in your case remit the fine.— and according to my own thoughts on the subject.— & it appears was right. — I will write Squire Conway— to day. — and I will send him— the letter from The deputy Minister.— to Mr A. McNeil. M. P.— which I hope will stay— all further proceedings,— and perhaps, he may retain the letter as his authority for not levying the fine! — Your case was one over which I had no control.— Believe me! —

Yours respectfully.—
J. W. Kerr. F. C. —

Hamilton Co^{y}
17.- December 1884.-

Dear Madam!-

Yours of 15. and 16th received!- It is only three fishermen,- who have already received a fishing license from the fisheries department,- though me; you are to permit for to fish on or within your licensed limits,- with Hooks and lines,- for Sturgeon.-

Dolson,- has no license- from me! however, Keep the $5.- he gave you,- I will arrange the matter when I come down.-

Get from the licensed fishermen, all the money you can!- but before you allow them to set on your ground; see their own fishing license first!- such is my advice to you! let no one deceive you!-

I am satisfied Rob: Bishop- has no license to fish on your grounds,- just ask him to let you see it,- if you have in your possession. a Boat license- for Rob. Bishop,

and Blakey Bell,- but Rob: Bishop, owes to pay this license.- he has not done so yet!-

dont permit him, nor his men to fish on your ground, without your sanction and permission!- The law is on your side!- Bishop even ascertains to you- as in writing now before me,- is false and unfounded!- If every thing said about me were true- I would be worse than badness- itself.- Except yourself no person can legally fish a gill net, between Russells wharf and Doctor Stevenson's point,- and still they all do it.-

However rest you will take the hint!-

Believe me,- Dear Madam,-

Yours- Obediently,-

J. Phil. Stein

Fishery Overseer.

Mrs Jane Ellis-
Sturgeon!- 3

D. T. Conway Esqre M.P.
M.P. V.E. V.E.
Southampton.—
Ont^o.

Hamilt^n Ont^o
17. December 1884,—

Dear Sir Conway.—

I received a letter this day from the Man^r Land & Lumber Co^y,— Lumbermen;— V.E. Sable Mills,— Ont^o.— which I enclose herewith for your information!— So far as I am individually concerned! my sympathies go with these respectable people,— Knowing as you, and I do,— what led Overseer James Mills, of Port Elgin— to fine them— $20. and 2. costs. for a trivial offence— of allowing saw dust to drop from the floor of their mills— into the Sable river— while repairing the flooring of the same.—

If Dominion laws they have sustained should drive you and I,— at least towards them— as they have suffered so frightfully— in the destruction of their mills property and lumber to the extent of $40.000. or $50.000.—

I enclose for your information, a letter written by— The deputy Minister of Fisheries,— to Alexander McNeille Esqre M.P.— your friend— which disposes of the fine in toto,—

In this case,— Overseer James Mills, being the Prosecutor. or Complainant,— the entire fine— if levied,— goes to Her Majesty! But the aggrieved party appealed to The Minister of Fisheries,— and he has remitted the fine!— Please read sub section 6,— of section 16,— Fisheries Act,— and the deputy Ministers letter herewith.—

If this is not sufficient, please send me back Mr. McNeille's letter and I will apply for direct authority to yourself,— Answer at Once!— Yours faithfully,—

John W. Kerr— P.O.—

Memorandum! for S. D. Bantheys Esq.
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa.—Ont.

I send you a ½- package of white fish!- Killarney's own up. lightly pickled,- for your own family use!- may they prove to be anything that is good and pleasant.. Dan: Cameron,- of Killarney (+ put that up to it) the whole soul- good- sterling fellow,- is the same man when I took 18 Packages of fish- valued and sold at Owen Sound: for $30,- amount sent to Department. in fall of 1872,- and 3,- caught as was proven at the time during Close season!-

But D. Cameron!- has since in 1883,- assured me the said fish were legally caught; but were put up and pickled: and brought in to Killarney during close season: a person who saw the fish then at the time, gave me the information....

D. Cameron, is the same person,- who put up the pickled white fish- and pickled Trout- furnished by Lusk's of Toronto,- to Wilmot,- and for which it is said "Gold Medals" were awarded- at the great fish exhibition of 1883,- in London. England.--

I hear no more, of Exhibition Wilmot.---

On yesterday,- (having jumped over 20 years,- as Fishery Overseer!-) I commenced my 21st year,- I hope the Minister will, through the recommendation of you, and Deputy Minister of Fisheries,- promote me this year!!- And then I hope I shall live to help you get up- the Greatest fish show- of 1886,- when the department.. Ottawa shall receive all the Honors!- No Killarney for me!: May you always prosper.---

Your faithful,—
J. W. Kerr.- P.O.-

Hamilton. Ont.
18. Dec: 1884.

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Dear U.S. You Kind words, in writing to my
Darling — often lead me to think that under
your fostering care — I may be able also to
complete 25 years in the P. department. —
while I have it in mind, on 23rd of this
month, I will be 72. 6 — of age! —
May God bless you and yours. —

Hamilton, Ont.
18th December 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No:- 144. for the sum of Ten dollars.-

Will you be please to apply this amount, for this current year, as follows:- viz.

1. Robert Joyce.- Bronte!- For a Rent &c. since already received. for the Grist in Lake Ontario, in front of the Townships of Nelson, and Trafalgar; and delivered!-"-

The amount now sent is,- - - £10.00.

I have the Honor to be.-

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant.-

W. W. Kerr.-

Deputy Assessor.

The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.- Canada.

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Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.-
W. W. Kerr.-
Deputy Assessor.
The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.- Canada.

Spearing!.

Men and Boys,- shall pay me One dollar each, before they commence to spear Pike, Bass, Sun-fish and Herring!. This season!!

No Fish Houses will be permitted on the Ice,- Burlington Bay,- this season! until after the License is first paid!.

Spearing will be allowed up to the 15th of April 1885.

Spearing is not permitted in the Inlets, nor within any limits of Burlington Bay,- set apart for the protection and propagation of Fish.

By Order,

John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
19th December 1884.

Spearing!---

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By Order,-

John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
19. December 1884.

Hamilton, Ont^{o},
20th December 1884.

John D. Evans Esqre
Civil Engineer.
Trenton, Ont^{o}

Sir,

I Have to inform you that I have received from The Deputy Ministor of Fisheries, Ottawa, a letter, informing me! The Municipality of Trenton, is about to build a dam, (with a view to using the water for manufacturing purposes) across the River Trent.

"One of the conditions on which permission "was granted to erect such a dam is that "efficient fish passes are to be provided "thereon."

"Mr^{r} John D. Evans, C.E. of Trenton, "wishes to have some information as to the "best means of meeting these requirements." "The most satisfatory way would be to "place yourself in communication with Mr^{r} "Evans, and after having selected a proper "location, where the channel of the River is "deepest explain to him how to build the "fishway in accordance with the wooden "model in your possession".

According to the foregoing instructions given to me! I will come to Trenton, at any time you may appoint, view, examine and inspect with you the premises where you propose to build the dam across the Trent River! And having obtained from you the necessary data required.

I will then be enabled to get out a Bill of materials for the fishway.

The fishway must be built in the dam, as the work in the dam progresses.

When completed, the fishway will form a part and parcel of the dam proper.

This fishway is I understand to be built entirely at the expense of the municipality of Trenton. Your compliance will oblige,

Yours Sincerely,

John W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer,
Hamilton, Ont^{o}

Private!—

Memorandum!— for S. C. Bousfield Esq.
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa!.—

I regret to tell you my wife is still ill— improvement very slow!.—

I would like very much if you will be pleased to recommend The deputy Minister of Fisheries— to appoint my son Edward F. Kerr,— my assistant— at a salary of $150— per year from 1st of January 1885.—

Mr. Kilvert, M.P.— if required— will recommend him!— He is a Fish Breeding at Niagara!—

Then there is old Mr. Wm. D. Pollock,— Fishery Guardian— at Bronte— who is very attentive in looking after the extensive Herring and Cisco— fishing there!— I would like very much to see his salary raised from 50 $,— to $ 100— a year!— now that there is no Salmon in the 12, and 16, mile Creeks,— I can confidently tell you, that a more faithful man there is not to be found— than Mr. W. D. Pollock,— in looking after for me and the department— the daily and weekly take and catch of Cisco,— Fa,— by a fleet of 18 Boats, at Bronte, Lake Ontario.—

Then there is David Sharp, Fishery Overseer, Port Ryerse,— please recommend the $50— addition, to his salary,— Bingham of P.O.,— had 250.— a year,— I recommend that you will give Mr. Sharp— the same!—

Now comes the Tug of war!—

Mr. Wm. Johnson, F. Guardian,— Toronto Harbour,— I have not heard from since early last summer!— he was then about to get a license for selling liquor— &c, in that part of Toronto, formerly called York Ville,— he then stated to me! if he got the Tavern license!— he would give up the F. Guardian—

Hamilton, Ont. Yours, &c.
22, Dec: 1884. J. W. Kerr— P.O.—

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

22. December 1884. —

Sir, —

I am in receipt of the copy of Petition, / to — "The Honble The Minister, &c. — dated Jarvis, — 8th / November 1884, signed by / 91. — persons! — praying that measures may be taken to remove the obstruction to fish, from running up the Nanticoke Creek, by reason of the dam at Wideriek village, — owned by / Mr^{s} Michael Wideriek Sr^{r}, which is unprovided with a slide to enable fish to ascend the said Creek! — — With your instructions to me to report thereon! — —

In obedience to your Order, to me! — — — — —

I have to report, that on the 4th instant, I proceeded to Nanticoke; made a careful examination of / Mr^{s} Michael Wideriks mill dam! and from the low state of the water in this Creek, all the year round; / except during the spring freshet." — I do not consider it, by any means, necessary, — as a public benefit, to the petitioners of the village of Jarvis, 10, or 12 miles away, — That any expense whatever should be incurred by an Outlay of money, / in the construction of a slide in said dam. — —

/ My experience, enables me to report, that a slide, such as the petitioners pray for! if granted by you, would be of no earthly use whatever! —

The dam is 100' feet wide, and in the centre of the stream, from the top of the dam, to the bottom of the Creek, "which is rock" — it is about 4' feet, in depth, and extending from this! right and left, — outwards, — to each end of the dam, comes down to about 3' feet, at each side of the Creek. — —

The dam, is north, — above the Road bridge — at Nanti-coke! and the water is so scarce; that there was no water whatever; passing over the dam, when I made

The deputy Minister of Fisheries, —

Department of Fisheries, — 2

Ottawa! — 3 1.

my inspection, - was only sufficient then, - to keep the Mill, grinding! sometimes, the mill is compelled to stop, - for the want of water. - - - 30, yards, - below the dam, the Creek was dry altogether, and for about 300 yards, from there, and further down, until the water from the Tail race, - runs in to the main creek, below the mill. -

Except a few suckers, and mullets - (red fins) in spring, no other fish frequent this creek, at Nantisoke! -

The people of the locality, are best entitled to these coarse fish! which they catch annually. - for a short time, during spring freshet, - below this Widrick dam. - - - -

The present dam, is nearly new! 3 years ago, the Old dam was carried away, by an extraordinary flow of ice! - Mr Widrick, built the present dam! - He is a Canadian born, 52, years, in Canada, bought the mill, and premises, six years ago; it is not all paid for yet: His wife and a daughter, are in bad, poor, delicate health.

The Mill does not bring him in, $100. a year profit. - Mr Widrick, was present, when I made my inspection, and rendered all the assistance in his power, to enable me to get the facts, - as above - for your information. -

And others assisted me! -

In conclusion, I enclose for your information a Petition, I received this day, signed by 261, - persons, - resident, in the locality - praying! That the prayer of the Petition - from the village of Jarvis - be not granted!! -

I can now see, that it would be no benefit to the general public, for to construct a slide, or even a Fishway, - in Mr Widrick's dam, at Nantisoke. -

I beg therefore to report against the construction of the same! as it would be at most only an unnecessary expense. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your Obedient Servant. -
J. Phil. O'Reilly
Fishery Overseer.

P.S. -

This Creek, rises at Waterford! - is a Trout stream up there! - say 60 miles away, - to go by the Creek. - - - -

Hamilton. Ont.
23. December 1884. ---

Sir.-

With reference to all my former reports made to you in regard to Overseer, James Muir.- Port Elgin, on Lake Huron! - I now send you a receipt for $5.00 cts, handed to me this day, by F. N. Corey,- being license fee:- for fishing privileges at Lyal Island. for season 1883.22. This receipt, is dated Port Elgin, 13. Dec; 1883,- This $5.- receipt, is to take the place of the $4.00 cts, paid by F. N. Corey.- to — Briggs.- for Muir- as license fee.- for 1883.-

Corey. tells me that about 100. Boats,- fished last fall! between Tobermory,- and Southampton; in Lake Huron: about the Islands, and main land, who paid no license fees for 1884. --

Overseer James Muir, Corey tells me, has never gone near him! during the last two years, he has fished off Lyal Island. ----

I may also here report for your information, that Herring fishing- on Lake Huron- last fall, of this year, is a complete failure! owing to the gross neglect of duty,- on the part of Overseer,— James Muir,- in permitting the Saw mill owners, of his division to turn the saw dust from their mills- into the Creeks,- and thence in to Lake Huron! - The fishing grounds, where fishing for Herring was carried on last fall, recently! - in Lake Huron! was so full of saw dust, that no fish, of any account came on the grounds.22 The result is very,- very bad for these fishermen! who are the hard working, industrious class of toil. —

The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.- Ont.

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.- J.P.

Private!-
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Hamilton.- Ont.
25. December 1884.-

Dear Sir,-

I am in receipt of your favour of 24th instant, but I am not aware that there is a vacancy of Overseer of Fisheries, in the Saugeen Division of Lake Huron;- between Point Clark, and Cape Hurd,!- including the Islands!! —

I Know the gentlemen you refer to,— very well, and I Know you too!! — Situated as I am, I cannot consistently advise you!— In case of a vacancy,— Alexander McNeill Esqre Wiarton! —

He is my worthy M. P.— for the North Riding of Bruce,— is the proper person to apply to. — Believe me! —

Yours truly. —

J. W. Kerr —

Overseer Fisheries.

Wm James Bowes, —
Port Elgin, Ont.

Private!-
Confidential!-
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Hamilton. Ont.
29. Dec: 1884.—

Will you be pleased to let me know by return mail! what you consider your personal Chances. Just yet!— to be the most fit and proper person for to fill the above vacancy in Saugeen Dist— for white fish! giving me your own sound reasons; for the same...

2.—

Also! what fine you would have fixed a season; between certain dates; give me the dates!! when Trout ready, shall be lifted, and shall not be fished!!— during during such time, they exist, Kill and destroy. Re quantities of young white fish, in contravention of the Fisheries Act. —

Give me all the particulars of the case; you talk me of— when a certain

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Dunsar, was asked to go on to a certain place, and he would see thousands of young white fish - gloating around! that was thrown out of the Cole - but declined. —

Give me the names of these Canadians, and about the date this happened. —

3. —

Please give me, what you believe the proper dates, to fix a close season for Salmon Trout, and all other Kinds of Trout - to spawn - in Georgian Bay. —

And give your particular reason for fixing the same. — —

I have received Orders from the F. department, to report on these things myself, and not knowing you had gone back to Owen Sound - I called at your place on Saturday evening - when Mrs Curtiss - told me a letter will find you at Owen Sound -

4.

Please give me a full list of the

different Kinds of Trout - Georgian Bay, when they first commence the spawning, and when the spawning ends altogether. — —

5.

If the spawning - you will name them whether or not - I am the Fishermans friend!!!!!!! -

Please answer at once - and give — and every thing fully - for I am depending on your — for — with - which to comply with, if you take time to Send me word!!

W. Kerr

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton -

Ont.

D. J. Curtiss, -
Fisher -
and Fish dealer, —
Owen Sound. —
Ont.

Ah —

Tell me — about this!!!

W. Kerr

Hamilton. Ont.
29. December 1884. —

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you, Bank draft, No: 168. for the sum of Seventeen dollars. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: for this current year. —

1. James Jackson, Bronte. — For a license to fish in Bronte, P.E. in Lake Ontario, in front of the Townships of Nelson and Trafalgar, already received and delivered. — amount herewith is $ 10.00 /.

2. Donald Reid. — Hamilton. — For a license to operate Herring Bass, Pike, Sunfish, &c. in Dundas Marsh, and Burlington Bay. — between 24th November 1884. and the 15th April 1885. — No spearing is permitted in the Inlets, nor within the limits of any part of the Bay. — but net for the propagation of fish. — amount is. — $ 1.00 /.

3. — Wm. Henry Waterbury (and 2 men) Bayfield. do. " 3.00. —

4. Gabriel Hopkins. — Hamilton. — do. — do. " 1.00. —

5. Jas. Kleek, Hamilton, do. — do. " 1.00. —

6. Louis Bates. Bayfield. — do. — do. " 1.00 —

Issued. as ordered. — Total $ 17.00 /.

I Have the Honor to be. —
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. Ont.

Rep. for White Fish. "Close Season" in Lake Huron.

Hamilton. Ont.o
1st January 1885.

Sir.—

I am in receipt of your memorandum!— saying!!— "What dates would you recommend for "close seasons."— "For White Fish, and Salmon Trout."— "on Lake Huron, and Georgian Bay."—

Give your reasons for recommendations!.—

Signed. D. O. B.—

In obedience to your first question!—

I have to report, that from my own personal experience, backed by the experience of old worthy Fishermen! who like me, have the welfare at heart of the Fisheries, the Fisheries department, and the Public Weal.'—

That for White Fish, "Close season"; in Lake Huron,— Should be from the 10th November, to 30th November, in each year; both days inclusive.—

I may report,— The Fisheries department,— when the present Fishery Acts,— was assented to— on 22nd day May 1868,—

Enacted:—

That.— "It shall not be lawful to fish for, "or catch white fish in any manner between the 19th day "of November, and the 1st day of December!— nor by "means of any Kind of Seine, between the 30th day of "May,— and 1st day of August, in the Province of Ontario."—

Experience has since taught me; that the former dates, were well fixed, and wisely established,— by the Gentlemen, then, at the Head of the Fisheries Department.—

Time— however rolled on,— changes were made!— and these fixed dates for white fish,— "Close Season",— was changed also!— from the above dates,— and fixed from

L. P. Bauset Esq.re
Deputy Minister,
Dept. of Fisheries,— Ottawa.—

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the 10th inst. November, to the 20th inst. November in each year. —

And in some parts, - of Lake Huron, - the Saining for White Fish, was permitted - even with Herring seines, — so that the enactment, for saining remains, and remained as I have been told from 22d inst. May 1868, - to this present day — "a dead letter!" — in Lake Huron. - - -

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Again, the dates from the 10th inst. of November, to the 20th inst. November; "Close season," for White Fish, was changed; simply, as it was supposed, and said amongst the licensed fishermen at that time! - - "That it was good, for those that were given to change"?! —

"The "close season," for White Fish, is at present fixed, from the 1st inst. to the 10th inst. of November, in each year, in the Province of Ontario; within which - Lake Huron - is situated! Eight days only, - "Close season," - for White Fish! a hurry up arrangement, - to say least about it. - - -

"You will please observe, that from the 22d inst. May 1868. - to this present date! nearly seventeen years! — "The "close season," - for White Fish, has for some reason or another, been changed twice, from the original dates fixed by the law, but this "close season" - law - for White Fish - was never put in force, by the Fishery officers - of Lake Huron, - so that the last (state,) dates, of "Close season," as at present fixed - for White Fish - are worse than the first dates originally fixed; and assented to, as in the Fishery Act, made and enacted! - - And since then, the entire month of November, from 1st inst. to 30th inst. November - has been hid, from time to time! - - - "As the "close season," for White Fish, and "Salmon Trout." -

"The spawning of White Fish, is earlier, in Lake Huron, - than it is in Georgian Bay, — The question is, will it be prudent to separate the "close season," - for White Fish, one from the other! - this is the delicate question, to be considered. I furnish you with the facts. —

2.

I will here however, crave according to the best of my ability,- permission to recommend! That "Close season" for white fish, in Lake Huron,- Be from the 10th inst. of November, to the 30th November, inclusive . . . And!

I may here tell you!- That will be no use in your fixing these dates, for the future guidance of the Fishermen,- unless you have good and reliable men for to enforce the Law . . .

It will be also necessary,- That the law, for Seine fishing for White fish, in Lake Huron,- between the 30th inst. of May,- and the 1st inst. of August, as per section 9. of the Fishery Act, be put in full force, on all the Lake Huron,- Seine Hauling grounds,- especially for white fish. !see note!- at the foot of this report. . . .

In this report, as in duty bound,- to you- the Hon. the Minister; Deputy Minister,- The Fisheries.- Fishermen,- and the Public at large.- I recommend, that you will include therein; The Round nets,- for it is notorious; That Round nets,- and illegal Seines,- are destroying annually,- thousands of female white fish, on Lake Huron!- In private Memorandum herewith! will post you!- "Close Note- foot of report".

To carry into operation, my humble and sincere recommendations, I can only say:- I act from honest promptings of my heart, mind, and personal experience as your Officer, of twenty years.- The size of all meshes, in the Pots of Pounds- fished in Lake Huron,- for Pickerel, White fish, Sturgeon and Trout. should be four inches in full, extension measure!- And the Centre of all white fish seines, should also have meshes of four inches, extension measure . . .

It will, I am sure, result for the public good, and for the welfare of the Fishermen at large in Lake Huron, who fish there, if you find it

~~more~~ expedient, to adopt the changes.- I herein respectfully submit, and recommend for your attentive perusal, and consideration of the Fisheries department, Ottawa.-

I have the Honor to be,

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant.-

John W. Kerr.-

Fishery Overseer.

Note.- I respectfully submit, and I recommend that Pound net fishing, be altogether discontinued and disallowed, in Lake Huron, from the 15th of June, until the 1st of August, in each year.---

I will give you sound and valid reasons, in my report on the "Close season"- for white fish- in Georgian Bay,- which will I am sure equally, apply to the greater and superfluous number of Pound nets,- in Lake Huron.-

Respectfully submitted.-

John W. Kerr.-

Fishery Overseer.

No: 2.---

Report. for Salmon Trout. "Close Season" in Lake Huron.

Hamilton, Ont.
1st January 1885.---

Sir,

In obedience to your directions!—

Thus:—

"What dates would you recommend for "Close Season"—
"for Salmon Trout, on Lake Huron".—

I have to report, that Salmon Trout, commence spawning early in Lake Huron! say about the 1st of October; and they continue spawning on, until about the 31st of October, when, as I recently heard from a Fisherman, who gills net fished there, during last October,—Salmon Trout spawning was then all over.—

Be this, as it may be!—I am convinced from what I have personally observed myself about Salmon Trout, last fall, while at Southampton,—Lake Huron,—and, what knowledge I acquired, during previous years,—tours of inspection made for the Department,—I am able to report, that the great rush of Salmon Trout from the deep waters of Lake Huron, "coming from behind the Big reef"—60, miles away out in Lake Huron,—from Southampton,—to the lesser reefs,—near the shores of the County of Bruce; for spawning purposes,—happens all through the month of October, on our shores of Lake Huron!—

Salmon Trout, spawning all ends about the latter part of October, by the final grand rush to the spawning reefs,—of the Red fin Trout,—the best and finest fish of the entire lot!---Eleven of which, with heads off, pickled,—fills ½ a package of 110-pounds.—

Now then, am I to fix and recommend a "Close season",—for Salmon Trout, that will accord with the "Close season",—for white fish,—in Lake Huron,—Refer to my report No: 1,—herewith!—the matter is Critical.—

S. C. Bauset Esq[re]
For Deputy Minister.
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa.—

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One way that presents itself to me, is to seperate White Fish "Close season".- from salmon trout, "Close season", and to do this, may bring poverty and distress on a worthy class of the community,- "Our Fishermen",- . .-

Or a portion of the latter part of the month of October, say from the 20th of October for Salmon Trout,- and the entire month of November might be fished by the department!

To read,- "Close season,"- For White fish, and Salmon Trout, in Lake Huron,- shall be from the 20th October, to the 30th of November, both days-inclusive.-

And I recommend the same for your consideration,- for depend upon it, sooner or later this will have to be done, and enforced by the department. . .

Or the white fish will be numbered with the various things of the past.- For there is this day,- 100. Salmon Trout, in Lake Huron,- for one single white fish,- that are caught there!. . . . Even with the 4", 4½", and 4⅝th inch, illegal gill nets,- that are fished there . . . .

I have no knowledge of what the Pound Net, take is. of white fish; at the Docks,- Cockburn Island, South Bay,- & Point Edward, to Kettle point!- Lake Huron.-

Here is what the Mail, News-paper stated a few days ago! it is true I believe!

I may further report, that I observed myself, last year, at the end of the month of August! that the Fishermen, put away, their illegal gill nets,- they had been fishing for white fish,- and they commenced fishing 5½, 5¾", and 6" inch mash, gill nets,- for Salmon Trout, and these legal size- gill nets,- they kept fishing until the end of last season!. . . I refer to the fishermen of Southampton.

I may report, that fishing to excess, was carried on in Lake Huron,- last year; say between White fish

including the Islands.—

Island, and Cape Hurd.— I was informed, by a person who fished there - and paid his license fee for 1884. to Overseer, James Muir, - of Port Elgin! — That there was 100. Boats, - fishing within the limits named; the owners of which paid no license; and these fishermen were indignant with my informant because he paid his license. . . .

The Trout fishing - was only commenced up there, a couple of years ago, and the fishing was so good, that too many fishermen went there, and fished all last fall, - and during last year up to fall, and to the end of last season! a limit should be put to the number of Boats allowed to fish there, or the place will be soon fished out. —

And I am correct in reporting that no Fishery Officer looked after the fishing being carried on there last fall to speak of, - nor for the last 3 or 4 years. — It forms a portion of Overseer, James Muirs - Division - Port Elgin. — —

In conclusion, I have to report that I have given this matter a good deal of my thoughts and attention; since instructed by you to report on the "Close Seasons" for white fish, and Salmon Trout in Lake Huron! — giving my reasons for recommendations! . — This I have herein, and in No: 1, - report endeavoured to do, to the best of my ability; - avoiding the separation of Salmon Trout, - from White fish! fixing such dates, to suit the fish; the Public, the Fishermen, and the department of Fisheries, - Ottawa. —

I most respectfully recommend; That "Close seasons" - for Salmon Trout, and White fish - in Lake Huron, shall be from the 20th inst of October, to the 30th November, both days inclusive. — I have the Honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

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No. 3.—

"Close Season" for White Fish, and Salmon Trout, in Georgian Bay!—

Hamilton. Ont.
1st January 1885.

Sir.—

I am in receipt of your memorandum! saying, "What dates would you recommend for "Close season" for White Fish, and Salmon Trout in Georgian Bay!" "Give your reasons for recommendations."—

I Have to report as regards "Close season"—for Salmon Trout, in Georgian Bay.—

That W. Alexander Clark, Fisherman, and Fish dealer, informed me at Collingwood, on the 10th day of October 1883.—That close season for Salmon Trout in Georgian Bay, should be from the 15th of October, to the 30th of October.———

And for White Fish, Mr Clark states: about the 10th of November, they are on the spawning grounds, very numerous on to the 30th of November.—

Mr W. Alexander Clark, then stated "Close season" should be quite 20 days,—instead of 8 days, as it is, at present, viz: From the 10th of November, to the 30th of November.———

Mr Clark, then stated to me!—The old law, for "Close season"—for white fish, and Salmon Trout, should be, from 10th of November, to 30th of November, both days inclusive.—

Mr Charles Duffy, of Collingwood, Fisherman, and Fish dealer!—informed me, on the 10th October, 1883,—That it is just about the end of the present "Close season"—(from 1st to 10th of November") that

S. P. Bauset Esqre—The Deputy Minister.—
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa!

§ 1.

White fish come on at Kiagg Island,- Georgian Bay,- to spawn.-- And at Collingwood,- in Georgian Bay,- the White fish are later.-- At the Nantards, near the mouth of Thames, in Georgian Bay,- close seasons, for White fish- should be Jifed earlier, than it is at present.--- At the Christian Islands- in Georgian Bay,- the close seasons, should be Jifed near Etmas..

Mr Charles Duffy,- furnished me with the foregoing statements,- from his personal experience, and practical Knowledge as a Fisherman.---

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I respire the foregoing memorandums, from Mr. Anderson Hart! they are just the same, as I received from three respectable Fishermen, on the 10th day of October 1884.---

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I write now give you, what information, I received from Mr Duncan M. Port,- of Toronto, on the 29th of December 1884.—

Mr Port, who is a practical Fisherman, and Fish dealer,- states to me!- That Close seasons,- for White fish, on Nelson Bank, in Georgian Bay,- should be from 15th of November to the 1st of December! and that the bulk of the Bank, are only spawning about the 15th November, in Georgian Bay, each year.—

Mr Sydney L. Bowles,- a practical Fisherman at Barrie, Georgian Bay,- during the past year, stated to me in a letter, dated 29th of December 1884.- Thus!-

"The proper time, for the Close seasons- should be,
"from 10th November, to the 20th November, as there are
"more fish on the spawning grounds on these dates,
"than on any other time, that would cover us: fish,

and Salmon Trout, in Georgian Bay."

I will now draw lines of inference, between Messrs W. A. Clark, and Charles Duffy's statements, of Collingwood, given to me, on the 10th inst. of October 1883, and the statements, I received from Messrs Dawson W. Ont. of Toronto, and Sydney S. Curtiss of Owen Sound, given to me, on the 29th inst. of December last. —

The final conclusion, I have arrived at — with I hope be approved of by you! — as the difference is so trifling. from what I have submitted and recommended as "Close seasons" for Salmon Trout, and white fish. for Lake Huron, in Reports, P^ge 1 & 2. herewith. —

With the foregoing statements before me, and the knowledge I acquired, when you sent me to Killarney, in the fall of 1882. —

I recommend! — "That Close seasons" for white fish, and Salmon Trout in Georgian Bay, — shall be from the 20th inst. of October to the 30th inst. of November, both days inclusive. — —

Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, are so immediately, and so closely connected with each other, it would be impolitic in me: to have a separate close season, given for Lake Huron, and Georgian Bay. —

I therefore respectfully, and firmly stand good, in my recommendations to you: That Close seasons for white fish, and Salmon Trout, in Lake Huron and Georgian Bay; shall be from the 20th of October, to the 30th of November, both days inclusive. — —

"The Pound Nets,—

Now, as regards the fishing in Georgian Bay,—and catching small white fish during the months of June, and July,—with Pound nets;—Mr. Dawson W. Port,—himself,—a Pound net fisherman! stated to me, do away,—with Pounds altogether in Georgian Bay,—because they catch, kill and destroy large quantities of small white fish, during the months of June and July! and glut the Markets, with fish, to the damage and injury of the trade,—in very hot weather, by catching too many fish.—

So, as Mr. Port, states, confine the Pots, to the 2" inch mesh, extension measure.—

Mr. Sydney S. Curtiss, of Owen Sound, on Georgian Bay,—a fisherman!—states to me, by letter on the 23rd of December last.—thus!—

"As to the time of lifting Pound nets,—so as not to "destroy the small white fish".—"This time should be "fixed for lifting Pounds,—from 15th of June, to the "1st of August."—

"I have just been told, that the Pound nets, have "destroyed thousands of small white fish, on Geor-"gian Bay."

Here is a sample of what Curtiss further states happened last year, as regards Pound nets! thus:

"Mr. Robert Edmundstone,—wrote to Commr. F.N. "Gilkison, as to the destruction of the small white fish, "by those Pound nets!—until some three or four "weeks after! Mr. Gilkison, went up to Tobermory, "the Pounds nets—was in Dunks Bay,—distance from "where he was, about ½ a mile."—"The fishermen—re-"fused to take him, to look at the nets, but say:"

"They also told him that the Act, was only 12½" inches mesh, extension measure."—

"Those Pound nets,— belong to Mr. Kay, and Clark, "of Wiarton". "Miller's visit up there, was about the "last of July."

Here is what the Mail news paper published, a few days ago! thus!—

In consequence of these contraventions of the Fishing Act, it may become necessary,— That the law be fixed for Pound nets,— so as to discontinue fishing them in Georgian Bay,— from the 15th of June, to the 1st of August,— in each year: same as I have recommended for your consideration in Lake Huron.

I submit and recommend the same for your consideration.——But this I do fearlessly, without favour or affection! malice or ill will.———

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant.
John W. Kerr
Fishing Overseer.

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Memorandum! —

For S. P. Bancet Esqre
Fisheries department.
Ottawa. Ont^o

At your request. I send you this day, my reports on "Close Seasons," for Salmon Trout, and white fish; in Lake Huron, and Georgian Bay. — They are Nos 1. 2. and 3. — The time has arrived for the adoption of such a close season! and I feel great pride in you for the warm interest that you have always taken in the Fisheries and in your humble servant. —

I may here tell you in connection with close seasons for S. Trout, in Georgian Bay, that I arrived at Killarney on thursday the 11th October 1883, — by your Orders. — I was there all day on thursday. friday the 12th and saturday 13th October 1883 —

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and up to 10. a.m. on Sunday morning, the 14th October 1883, — when I sailed by the Steamer — Atlantic! for Collingwood. —

During my stay at Killarney, — the fishermen were catching Trout in Georgian Bay, between Killarney, Collins Inlet, and French river! by Hundreds, and thousands! they having come on to the Reefs to spawn, and they were spawning there then! —

The great rush for spawning of Trout, does not happen, until from 20th to 31st of October! place the close seasons; so that they may work in accord and agree with one another both in Lake Huron, and the Georgian Bay. — You Know, and God Knows "Close Seasons," have been a Farce, and the laughing stock of the Province of Ontario — long enough. —

40 days close season is not by any

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means too long! as every means have been resorted to, to deplete the fisheries. Even while I write you - thousands of yards of gille nets, are set out in the Georgian Bay. - This thing has to be stopped. —

Please find herewith six pages of a letter. I recently received from Mr. S.S. Curtis - of Owen Sound, — the person referred to, in my report No: 3, —

Peruse them! and please return! — wishing you many happy compliments, — and blessings of the season!

Believe me as usual. —

Your faithful Servant.

J.W. Kerr

F.O. —

Hamilton, Ont.o
3rd January 1885. —

Please send me a good lined Pocket diary - for 1885.

J.W. Kerr F.O.

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mesh, extension measure! —

1.500. yards, of 3" inch mesh, Herring gille net, and 1,000 yards, of 5" inch mesh, white fish gille nets, in Lake Erie: say from Millers point, township of Raineham! to Port Colborne! and to extend from the beach; within the given points, out into the waters of the Lake for a distance of 5 miles! — Amount $5.00 — But

This license would not permit Schomacker to fish at Normandale! — Answer by telegraph, if you approve of my plan. —

I wish you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns — And believe me —

Yours Sincerely. —

J.W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer

David Sharp Esq
Fishery Overseer,
Port Ryerse. Ont.o

Hamilton, Ont.
5, January 1885.—

My dear Sharp!—

I am in receipt of yours of 2nd inst. in which you say; that Schoemacher of Normandale, has been fishing 3" inch mesh gill nets,—last year in Lake Erie,—for Pickerel and Herring between Normandale and Turkey Point, and in reply,—I have simply to tell you, that I have given him no license for to fish there....

Now then—the law is very explicit in this case!!—read section 18. of the Fisheries act, and sub section 2. of Section 18. of the Fisheries act,—at pages 14. bottom,—and 15. at top of page.—

I am surprised you have not found out this sooner! However,

better late than never!—

I suppose these gill nets are furnished by Grebble, of Buffalo.—

It is legal to fish 3" inch mesh extension measure, gill nets—for Herring and Pickerel, under a license from the Deputy Minister of Fisheries—but not otherwise....

Now then! the best thing to do in this case is to serve on the Herring gill net in Schoemacher possession! and if you approve of it, I will come up, about next Thursday, when you and I,—with a Constable—can go to his House, and make the seizure,—for I would like to crush these Yankees!—

I may here however tell you!, that Gus: or August Schoemacher,—of Normandale,—applied, and subsequently received last May,—a Boat license—for to fish 1,500. yards of Sturgeon gill nets,—11½"

John William Kerr.

Hamilton

1st October, 31st December 4

1884.						
					miles.	
October,	6.	At Toronto, found all correct. -	1.	88. Ry. V.	3.	75. -
"	7.	At St Catharines. found all regular.	1.	72. do..	4.	00. -
"	11.	At Bronte, delivering Boat licenses.	1.	40. do..	2.	65. -
"	13.	At Lands Inlet. Examined ashes dumped there,	1.	12. H.V.B.	1.	50. -
"	14.	At Sheep skin Bay. - Lands Bay Inlet. -	1.	14. do.	2.	00. -
"	16.	At Lands inlet, and Police Court, case against Peter Connor. - adjourned! -	1.	26. H.V.B.	2.	00. -
"	17.	At Port Dover, and Port Ryerse - see Report. -	1.	98. do. Ry.	4.	85. -
"	19.	At Lands inlet, the Heights, Plains, - Burlington Beach, Stone - all regular. -	1.	26. H.V.B.	2.	00. -
"	20.	At Police Court, Connors case - dismissed!	1.	8. do.	1.	50. -
"	21.	At Chegrastone, 12 mile Creek all regular. -	1.	36. do.	2.	60. -
"	24.	At Toronto to meet Overseer, Stelkinsale! -	1.	88. Ry. do.	4.	30. -
"	27.	At Hamilton, and Niagara. -	1.	50. do.	4.	75. -
"	28.	At Lincaston and Niagara. -	1.	16. H.V.B.	2.	75. -
"	29.	At Niagara, S. Br; and Hamilton. -	1.	59. do. Ry.	2.	25. -
"	31.	At Port dover. Rainham; and back to Dover.	1.	96. do.	6.	85. -
November,	1.	At Port dover, and Hamilton! Home!!	1.	45. do.	2.	00. -
"	7.	At Port Credit, to see W.B. Woolland, Fisherman.	1.	64. do.	3.	50. -
"	11.	At Heights, and B. Beach, all regular.	1.	24. H.V.B.	2.	00. -
"	14.	At Mimosa, to see P. Hand, Fisherman. -	1.	20. do.	2.	00. -
"	18.	At Georgetown and Acton. -	1.	92. do. Ry.	5.	85. -
"	21.	At Pt dover, found all right. -	1.	46. do.	4.	35. -
"	22.	At Pt dover, Hanticoke, Selkirk, Rainham, back to Pt dover, thence to Hamilton,	1.	96. Ry. V. Team. V.	5.	75. -
"	24.	At Heights, about spearing licenses, -	1.	12. H.V.B.	2.	00. -
"	28.	At Bronte, collecting license fees. -	1.	38. do. Ry.	2.	75. -
December,	1.	Hunting for F.N. Corp's receipt, got it, off to Niagara! -	1.	60. do.	5.	45. -
"	2.	At Niagara. - Allen - complained about fine! -	1.	- -	1.	50. -
"	3.	At Niagara, and Hamilton. -	1.	60. Ry. do.	2.	15. -
"	4.	At Port dover, Hanticoke, back to Pt dover. -	1.	64. do.	5.	35. -
"	5.	At do. and home to Hamilton. -	1.	50. do.	1.	75. -
"	7.	At the Heights, enquiring about illegal fishing	1.	8. do.	1.	50.
"	9.	At, do. do. do. do. do.	1.	12. H.V.B.	1.	50. -
"	19.	On B. Beach, to put up spearing Notices. -	1.	36. H.V.B.	2.	75 -
"	26.	" Heights, Kerr's Pond, B. Beach. -	1.	24. do. -	2.	75. -
"	27.	At Lands Bay. -	1.	12. do. -	1.	50. -
"	29.	At Toronto to see D.W. Port. Fishery business.	1.	90. Ry. V.	3.	95. -
"	30.	" St Catharines. Lincaston, and Niagara. -	1.	60. do.	5.	25. -
"	31.	At Niagara, Pt Dalhousie, Jordan, and along Lake shore to Grimsby - getting up enmeals returns! Home home. -	1.	60. Ry. H.V.B. Team.	8	50.
		Totals. -	37.	1683 miles.	121.	85.

John W. Kerr

Hamilton, Ont°.
6th January 1885....

Sir.-

I Have the honor to send you herewith, for consideration, and approval, my Account, and expenses, incurred by me during the active performance of my duties in the Hamilton Division! for the quarter ending 31st day of December 1884; as follows!- $121.85 cts.

Voucher.. 1.- John W. Kerr.- F. Overseer.- For Telegraphs.- " - 1.90.--
" 2.- John W. Kerr.- F. Overseer.- For Office Rent.- - " - 5.00.--
" 3.- John W. Kerr.- F. Overseer.- For Postages. &c.. - - " - 8.12.--
" 4. John W. Kerr.- F. Overseer.- For Stationery. &c.- " - 2.25.--
" 5. Charles J. Kerr.- For services as Boatman.- " - 11.00.--
" 6. Edward F. Kerr.- For .. do, ... do. .... " - 17.00.--

Total. $ 167.12 cts.

In submitting this account for your consideration and adjudication.- I beg to report that I have travelled 1683.- miles,- and upwards; in the active performance of my duties. - -

Of this amount in Miles! - I travelled 495 miles, in the Norfolk Division,- On Lake Erie. - -

This I done by your Order,' Overseer David Sharp,- Port Ryerse,- having had the misfortune of breaking his right leg. - -

Respectfully Submitted. - -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa, Ont°.

Memorandum for S. P. Bansatley 2e
Fisheries department.
Ottawa, Ont.

I hope my reports on S. Trout and White fish, "Close seasons", have met with approval! establish them, and abolish the others, and you will do a right good thing for the Fisheries in Lake Huron and Georgian Bay! —

I have to help Coomer D. Sharp, and Peter Price — to get up their returns for last year! and get up my own annual returns also! —

I have a good many things running through my mind in the interest of the Fisheries! which I intend submitting to you for approval; before I report on it officially. — It appears to me your Cautin letter, and what I was told besides! Jim Clark, McKay and Co. of Wiarton. Georgian Bay, — &c. carried on things just as they pleased, in Dunks Bay, —

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at Collins Harbour, Tobermory, and at South Bay — Lake Huron last year. —

I send you this day, my quarterly returns for last Quarter, please have them examined and passed. —

I may tell you we have had no snow up here since the 29th of December last, when it all vanished. —

It has been freezing some however! — but it rained last night and this morning. — Nothing else strange, nor wonderful!

I am as usual, —

Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. Wakefield Kerr
Fishery Coomer

Hamilton, Ont.
6. January 1885. —

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Hamilton, Ont.o
6th January 1885.—

My dear Peter,

I send you by Mail — your account and diary on Long Point — Lake Erie! division of Fisheries: including Stationery 30¢ and postage 20¢ amounting in all to $21.50¢ for the year ending 31st of December 1884. —

Please sign these returns, where I have placed pencil directions for guidance. —

I will prepare and send your returns and take of fish in duplicate for year ending 31st of December 1884! — On tomorrow!!! . . . . . —

You can sign and return to me these papers — or send them direct to Ottawa! — just as you please. —

Wishing you the compliments of the season and many happy returns, — I am, —

My Dear Peter!

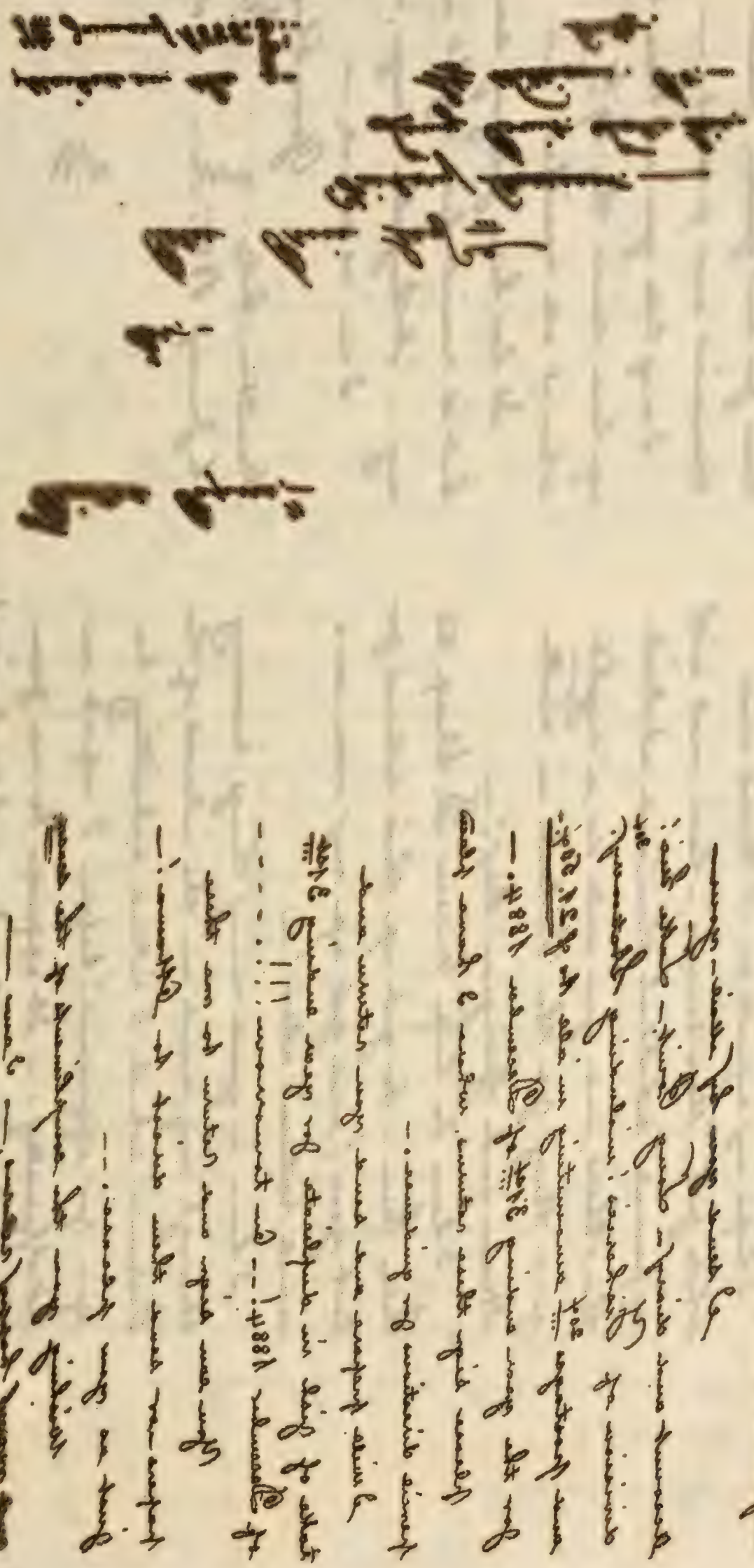
Yours Sincerely. —

Peter Christie Esq
Fishery Overseer
Port Rowan Ont.o

D. W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

Peter Christie Esq
Fishery Overseer
Port Rowan Ont.o

Hamilton Ont.o
16th January 1885.



Peter Price,
Long Point, Lake Erie
18th February. 4th December

1844. February.	18.	From Pt. Williams, to Long Point to examine and see after Bass spawning near the Cottages, not from Lanying Creek.	1.	28. Miles.	2. 00/-
April.	17.	Cut over the Fisheries at Long Point, for to see that Close seasons for Bass, and Pickerel was duly observed; I had a man with me.	1.	28. Miles.	4. 00/-
June.	10.	Rowed down the Outer Reef, near the Light House, Long Point, and spoke the Owner Yacht of Bishop, — Erie Allegrow; sat within the Long point bay, Leave limits.	1.	40. Miles.	4. 00/-
July.	25.	do.	1.	40. do.	4. 00/-
August.	18.	South side of Long point, looking after Pleasure Boats and Fine fishermen, S. Limit	1.	40 do.	4. 00.-
December.	4.	To Pt. Dover, to meet Bishop Owen, of Hamilton, and have a Consultation on the Long Point fisheries, and back home to Pt. Williams,	1.	36 Miles.	3. 00.-
		Total. - 6. - 196 miles.			£1. 00/-
		Expenses. —			Total. £1 21 50/-

Remarks & Extract.

Mr. Price, has had to take his yacht with him; when sailing around on Long point Fisheries.—

John W. Kerr —
Bishop Owen;
Hamilton. —

6th January 1845. —

Long Point
Lake Erie,

Printed Paper!

For,
Peter Prince Esqre
Fishery Overseer.
Long Point, Lake Erie.
St Williams P. Office
Ont^o.

Mailed on the
8th January 1885.
J. W. Kerr P.O.

Hamilton. Ont.
8. January 1885.

Sir.—

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft. No. 206. for the sum of Fifteen dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as granting licenses in Burlington Bay and Dundas Marsh, say from 24th of November 1884; to the 15th of April 1885.

The License to spear is for Bass, Herring, Pike & Sun fish. Spearing not permitted in the Inlets, nor in any part of the Bay, set apart for the propagation of fish.

Names of Licensees.	Viz.		
1. Frederick Ware,	Hamilton,	Amount.	$1.00 cts.
2. George Baker,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
3. Thomas Jones,	Saltfleet,	—"	—1.00 cts.
4. Alfred Harris,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
5. Ned Duff,	Burlington Beach,	—"	—1.00 cts.
6. Wm. C. Depew,	do.	do.	—1.00 cts.
7. James Crooks,	do.	do.	—1.00 cts.
8. Thomas King,	Hamilton,	—"	—1.00 cts.
9. Jo. V. Spencer,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
10. Ennis Hill,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
11. David Watson,	Flamboro,	—"	—1.00 cts.
12. George Smith,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
13. James Smith,	Hamilton,	—"	—1.00 cts.
14. James Jameson,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
15. Alex White,	do.	—"	—1.00 cts.
		Total.	$15.00 cts.

I Have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servant.—

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister.—

Department of Fisheries.—

Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
8. January 1885.—

Dear Sir.—

Will you be pleased to let me have a return of the quantity of fish you caught altogether during last year 1884, specify.—and please each Kind by themselves! also give the Market value of the same!—

Mr. Dick Allan, referred me to you, for quantities you and he caught the value of the seow and seine—including the ropes used in Hauling!—Jas Enght. Esq.

Please hand it to Miss Emily J. Elliot,—and she will send it to me.—

Uncle Job.—I wish you the compliments of the season,—many happy returns,—

Jam, Yours truly.—
J.W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

Mr. Job Mc. Alford,—
Niagara, Ont.
Care of Mr. Jno Elliot

Hamilton. Ont.
8. January 1885.—

Dear Joe!—

I altogether forgot to get from you!— The quantity of Coal in pounds caught by Anglers—and rate per pound,—
The quantity of Bass,—in pounds caught by Anglers, and their worth per pound.—
Also the quantity of Pickerel caught by Anglers, and the rate per pound.—
I mean that were caught in the "Niagara River"—at Queenston, and down the River towards the Town of Niagara.—

Please send me this, as soon as convenient, and oblige!— Kindly remember me to your worthy Sire,—and to your Kind good wife.———

Yours truly.——
J.W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Mr. Joseph Gabriel Jr.
Queenston, Ont.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
8th January 1885.—

Dear Brother Alley,—

Will you be pleased to tell—Mr W. B.—Woolcott,—I will come down by the 11. a. m. Train—from here, on next saturday;—and to meet me, at your place.—

And will you Kindly send word to Frank Reid or his wife for to meet me at your place also, when the Train arrives,—I will have a pair of ducks. for them! please dont fail,—wishing you the compliments of the season; and many happy returns Believe me! Yours Fraternally.—

J. W. Kerr.—

Alley: Blakely Esqre
Hotel Keeper.—
Ont Credit,
Ont^{o}

Sidney Carruer.

Mr Hos. Mansfield,—
Manchuria Bay,—
Ont^{o}.

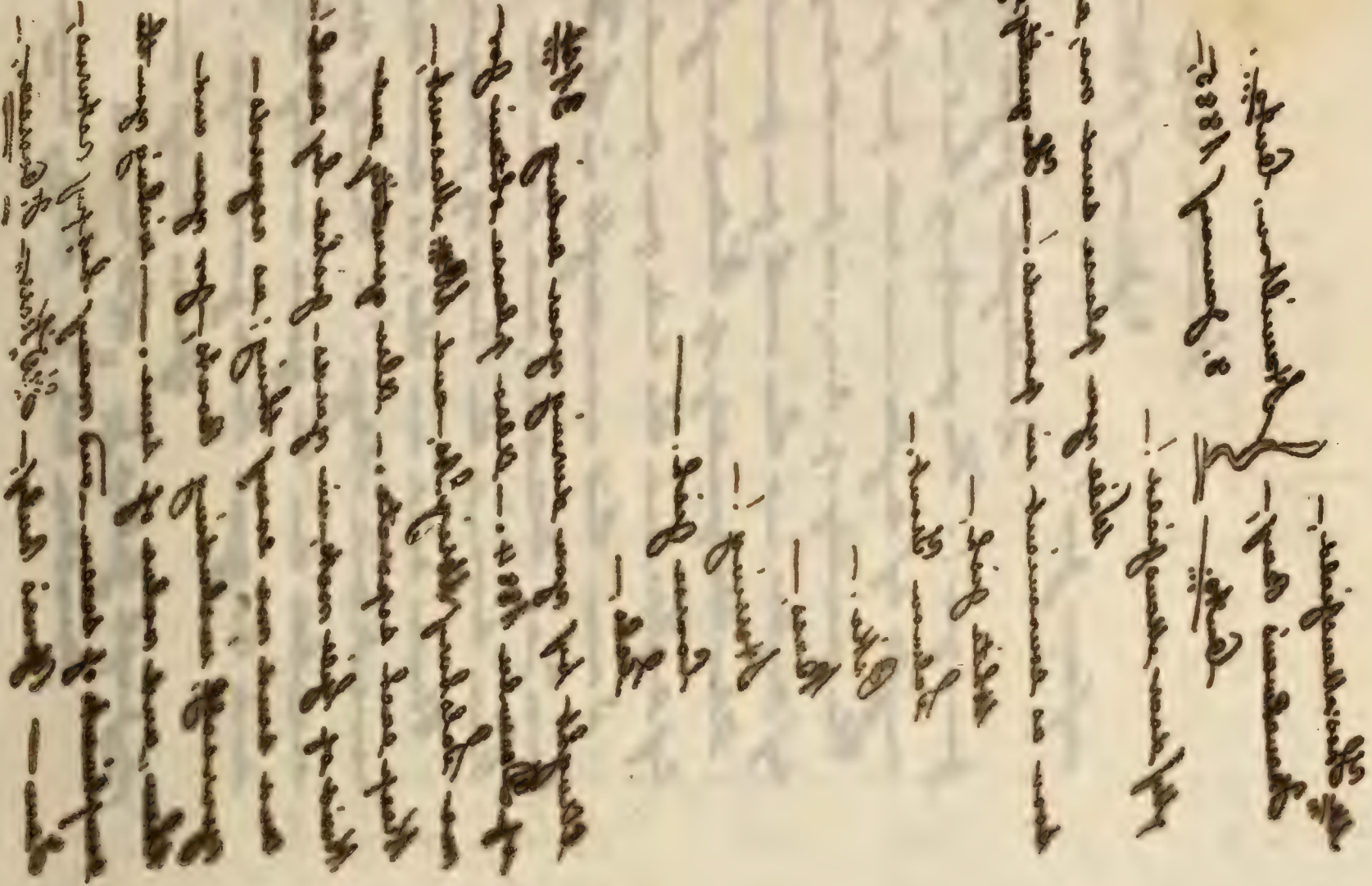
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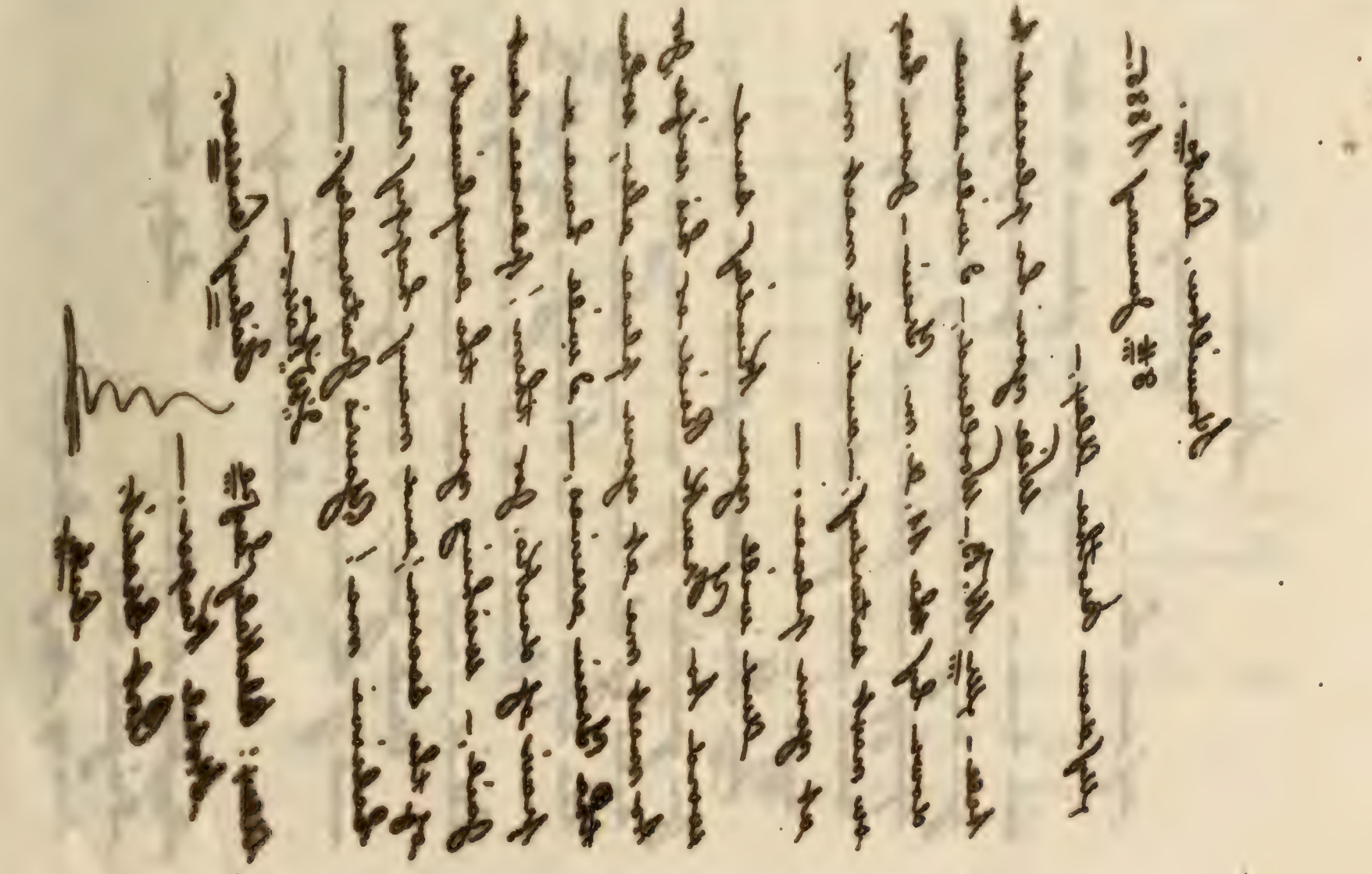
Dear Mansfield!—

Will you please send me, as soon as convenient in pounds!—the quality of

White fish,—
Salmon Trout.—
Pike.—
Bass,—
Herring!—
Coarse fish.——
Eels,—

caught by you during year ending 31st of December 1884.—Also please obtain for me Salsbury Brig^{ds}—and Mr Macourt,—Keep each seperate.—Also quantity and kind of fish not in yards—fished by each—and send me every thing; as regards—yourself, including Boats, for you and them, and value of same.——wishing you the compliments of season—and many happy returns,—Dear—Yours truly,—J. W. Kerr—J. Carruer.—





Memorandum for S. P. Bannerbuffe Esq.
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa ... Ont.

On the 16th December last, I wrote and forwarded to Mr. George Gordon, of the "Indian rapids Mills," Southampton, Ont., by your Orders, a cheque for $438.72 cts. together with receipts in duplicate for the same: which I requested him to sign and send back to me. —

And I registered my letter! — From that day, to this; I have not heard from Mr. Geo: Gordon! —

Perhaps he has sent receipts to you! perhaps he is mad because you struck out that $45.00 cts.

Or because, I declined to grant you a claim for repairing the slide dam (Damage dam) that happened through the negligence or ignorance of Overseer, James Muir, — before I arrived there last August. —

I did not feel justified in sanctioning that Claim — but there that I received for the Fishway, — constructed under my own immediate superintendance, and observation. — — —

Likely — Gordon — has sent the receipts to the deputy Minister. — — —

I am, Yours respectfully,
John Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. January 1885.

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Hamilton, Ont.
9 January 1885...

Sir...

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 212.- for the sum of Twelve dollars. - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:

1. Richard Joyce, ...Bronte!- For a license to fish two Boats. Vi. in Lake Ontario, in front of the Townships of Nelson, and Trafalgar, - during the year ending 31st day of December 1884, (received by me this day) $10.00.-

2. James Pett, - Hamilton. - For a license to spear in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh - same as 15. sent you on yesterday. - Licence delivered 1st Jan 1884. & 5. ... $1.00 -

3. Ramsay Wells. Hamilton. - For do, do, do, ... 1.00

Total ... $12.00

I Have the Honor to be...
Sir...
Your Obedient Servant. -
A. McWatters -
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, -
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont. 9th January 1885.
Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith Receipt for $12.00 sent me by you on account of Fishery Licenses issued by me.
I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. McWatters
Fishery Overseer.
To the Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

Mr. James Bastwell.—
Niagara, Ont.; Hamilton, Ont.
9. January 1885.—

Dear Sir.—

Your Canada Post Card.—
received! applying for licence for George
Yeo; Wagner, of Youngstown — N. York,—
for the same grounds they had last year!
in Niagara River.— for licence for year 1885
I cannot apply and get up the licence—I
must send the money— with the application!—
They can have from Toilet paper to the
Half sheet.— Letter— for this and Book fol-
ing!— please send me the length of this
seine in yards,— Value of same,— Value
of each Boat, they used in fishing! the
quality of fish caught in your seine night.
ginning and Kind separately.— for year 1884.

I send you a postage stamp,— My Hand
is getting all right again— except a few sores.
from the Ice.— Wishing you the compliments
of the season, and many happy returns— and
with Kind regards to Mrs. Bastwell, Edwin
me— Yours truly, [illegible]

Hamilton. Ont.
9. January 1885.—

My dear Brother Pollock,—

If I possibly can— I will
come down some day next week.— so please
have the Returns of each Boats fisherman,—
ready for me: this will include the amount
of herring and trout caught by each,—
The quantity of Nets in yards.— fished by each
Fisherman— Value of same!— Boats owned
by each Fisherman— and value of each,—
I will thank you to give on receipt to
James Joyce— get from him $5.— he owes for
last years licence,— and send to me immed-
iately,— and please see Richard Joyce,— I got
$10. today,— from Mrs. Smith,— for him, and
I sent the same to the Fishery department,
Ottawa!— Wishing you, Mrs. Pollock, and
family— the compliments of the season and
many happy returns! I remain Yours fraternally,—
W. D. Pollock Esq. D. McKay— F. Cowan—
Bronte,— Ont.

Memorandum! Jno. S. P. Bancroft Esqre.,
Fisheries department.--
Ottawa.-Ontario.

In communicating to you the "Close season" for white fish, and salmon trout: in Lake Huron and Georgian Bay!.—

I omitted sending you a list of the different Kinds of Trout in Lake Superior. Huron and Georgian Bay!, that as it may be of some importance to you for to know this thing!- I send you the List as follows:—

1. The Seisco-t - a very fat fish.---
2. A Hybrid - or Half breed, about four pounds weight.- bred between the Rock Trout, and Seiscoet.---
3. The Rock Trout.---
4. The Small Black Trout.—
5. The Pot gut Trout.---

6. The Gray Trout.— a good fish.--
7. The Red Fins Trout.----do.--
8. The Red Trout.— The best fish of them all. and the fish - and the best fish for to procure Eggs from - for the Government Hatcheries.--

I brought this Trout under the notice of the Fisheries department "for its goodness"— many years ago! and since then, I have had no cause to change the good opinion I then formed and still entertain for this valuable, and precious fish.---

9. The Speckled Trout.—

These Trout, are all found in Lake Superior. Lake Huron; and Georgian Bay.- in Lake Superior,- I have been told!.- The Trout commence spawning about 1st of September, and Spawn on until the 1st of

November, in each year!. —

It is asserted by some Fishermen! that the Saiscot - spawns in Summer! - if so, the Rock Trout, must also spawn in summer!! so as to breed the hybrids!!!—

It is a matter strongly and firmly impressed upon my mind! that the great large Schools of white fish, and Trout that make the grand rout or tour of the Georgian Bay. - white fish, from May - till Xmas, come originally - if not by the Sault Ste Marie! by some subterraneous passage - from Lake Superior to Lake Huron! and if so! the various species of the Trout come also by the same Routes! —

Two times you honoured me with your confidence in sending me to Killarney in September 1883, - and to Southampton - Lake Huron, in August last! from what I have heard and learned: this impression has got a fast hold of me! — I hope I may yet be enabled through you, and the

deputy Minister, to decipher some of these hidden mysteries! —

Of course, I never for a moment, gave the Noble red man! Indian, a thought. —

But now that you allude to it, you of course Know! that the Indian of 20 years ago! is not the Indian of to-day! they are now a Civilized people - as easily taught - as some of our White fishermen to obey and live and fish according to the fishery laws, rules and regulations. . . .

For unless an Order - was issued "except for spearing." - to stop all net fishing, except for herring until spring say 1st of May. — fishing will be still carried on! —

Herring fishing should be more extensively carried on, during the winter through the Bay by Indians and Whites, — as at present enjoyed by them! but for Heaven sake — put down your foot, — or raise up your hand! and proclaim for the protection of wh: fish, and Trout, by a long joint - close season! — Yours Obediently, —

12. January 1885. Wm. H. Kerr — J.P. —

Thursday, in bed 9pm !. —

Ah is answer of dear Christmas: that the Christ- appears in Summer !- of the Dear Christ, must also appear in Summer !! be so to bear the Infants !!! —

Ah is a matter altogether our Spirit in = presence upon our mind ! that the great Image Shadow of artistic Spirit, our Heart.

that make the grave rest or Tree of the Spiritual Life- with Spirit. Something this Christ, our originality it not by the Church !!! alone ! by our authoritarian passage - Our Christ Inspirit to Christ Person ! our if so ! the various Species of Christ are also by the same Centre :- For this Species Summer we until your Inspiration = Christ in to Heaven in September 1883 - or to Christ-pte - Christ Person, in Gospel text ! Our with 3 Steps Your our Person : this Inspiration to Spirit - Your Face of me :- 3 Steps Jump Spirit to another thought Spirit our the

Ah

Spiritual Ministers, to Disciples Sons of Their hidden mysteries !-

If sense, I never for a moment, Spirit the Bible text me ! Christ- thought. -

But me - that you release to it, Spirit of sense Them : that the Christ- Species Life not the Christ of to Soul ! that Spirit - in a Christian people - as another thought - as sense of our Holy Inspiration to Soul Spirit our Christ according to Christian Spirit. Christ Inspiration Christ Person, in Spirit Christ Person, in Spirit Christ Person, in Spirit

To - The Honble A. W. McLelan,-
Minister of Marine and Fisheries;
for the Dominion of Canada! - Ottawa. ---

"The Petition of
John William Kerr - of the Hamilton Division,
Fishery Overseer! -

Respectfully Sheweth! -

That I was appointed a Fishery Overseer, under the
Fisheries Act - for the County of Wentworth, on the 16th
of December 1864. - -

Sir, Alexander Campbell, being then Commissioner
of Crown Lands, - had also the control of the Fisheries! -

That the following year, my limits - was extended to
the Counties of York, Halton, Peel, South Ontario to
Windsor Harbour, - Whitby. - -

And to the Counties of Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Norfolk and Elgin - to Port Stanley. - -

That my salary was only $50, a year, when I was first
appointed Fishery Overseer. - - - That my salary was increased,
during the time - - The Honble Peter Mitchell, under Confederation! became Minister of Marine and Fisheries. - -

That while, - The Honble Peter Mitchell, was Minister
of Marine and Fisheries, at Ottawa, - he promoted me! -
and fixed my salary, - at $500. a year. - -

At this sum, it has remained from that date,
up to this present time. - - -

"That, the Honble W. F. Whitcher, late Commissioner of the
Fisheries, - promised to submit my name for your
favourable consideration. - - - But has not done so!!.

That on the 16th December last, 1884, - I completed
my (20th) twentieth year, in the service of your De-
partment, as Fishery Overseer, at Hamilton. - - -

That during the period of my services, 20 years! -

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I have been repeatedly employed, out of my own division, by Your Department - on Lake Erie, - Lake Huron, St Clair River, Lake St Clair! - Sangeen River, The Georgian Bay, - The Counties of Essex, - River Thames - County of Kent, - County of Elgin, County of Brant, Counties of Waterloo, Wellington and Cardwell! - and Bruce and Grey! - on special duty, to investigate and report upon matters, for your information and the information of your predecessors! connected with the Fisheries, - which I have always done, and endeavoured to do, to the best of my ability....

The same meeting your approval, - and the approval of the Fisheries Department - Ottawa....

That having done my duty, - for twenty years, - as Fishery Overseer, - through rough, and smooth; and completed the same; without any mishap.....

I respectfully, - ask you to consider my case; and if found worthy! - Be pleased to promote me.

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound! —

Will ever pray!...

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer. —
Hamilton Division. —
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
12th January 1885...

"A Printed Return!"

David Sharp Esq
Fishery Overseer.
Port Ryrie,
South

Mailed on 30th January 1885.

David Sharp,
Port Ryerse, Lake Erie.
1st ... January / 31st ... December "4

		1884.			miles, in	
February.	14.	Port Rowan and Turkey point, delivered				
-"-	16.	ing spearing licenses! returned Home. - - -		2,	40. 84 Cr.	5. 00 f. -
-"-	18.	Port Rowan, posting Close season" Notices. -				
-"-	19.	Jor Bass, Pickerel, and Muskinonge. - -		2,	40. 84 B.	4. 50. f. -
April.	11.	Attending to Fisheries, Inner Bay - Turkey				
-"-	12.	point and Port Rowan. - Home. -		2,	40. - do. -	4. 50 f. -
-"-	29.	Port Ryerse, Port Dover, Nanticoke, along				
-"-	30.	Lake shore to Rainham - Jor to see that				
		Close season" - Jor Bass, Pickerel, and Muskin=				
		onge was observed! home to Ryerse. - -		2.	50. 84 B.	5. 25 f. -
May. -	8.	Up Lake Erie Shore, from Ryerse, to				
-"-	9.	Turkey point, Pt Rowan. Big Creek! - Home! -		2.	52, 84 B.	4. 50 f.
-"-	12,	Simcoe, and Pt dover, enquiring about a				
		case of Pickerel reported as caught in				
		Close season" - (no case) Thence home. -		1.	16. 84 B.	2. 00 f. -
-"-	13.	Up Lake shore - to Port Rowan, collect=				
-"-	14.	ing license fees, - V. Thence Home!		2,	40. 84 B.	4, 50 f -
June	23.	Selkirk, to look after Pound Net				
-"-	24.	fishing - Home home. - - -		2,	44. do,	4. 75 f. -
August.	12.	To Selkirk, to collect fishing license fees.				
	13.	Thence Home. - - -		2,	44. do.	5. 00 f. -
December,	30.	Port Rowan, getting up annual returns				
-"-	31.	and for other fishing purposes. -		2,	40. do. -	5 25 f. -
			Totals..	19.	408 miles	45 25 f. -
		Add! -				
Dec 5	30.	Paid Stage fare, from Victoria to				
		Port Rowan, for James McC=				
		ame, V. Guardian. - -		1	16. Stage	1, 00 f. -
		Add! -				
May.	8.	Telegraphs, 64 f and 27 June, 15 f - Postage and Stationy 35 f				1. 04 f. -
			Grand Totals...	20,	428, Miles.	47. 29 f. -

I have examined this a/c and I believe it correct.
Hamilton. Custom House, 7th January 1885
John W Kerr, Inspector

P.S. - When you sign everything, and in every place you have to sign them please all in the Envelope - I send you :- and myself at once,

Port Ryerse, Lake Erie. - Ont.

J. W. Kerr

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

My dear Sharp! 14. January 1885.—

I send your a/c^{t} and diary this day,—amounting in all to $47.29 ℄.

I want you to sign these accounts on the lines where I have pencilled!.—

I have also made out and filled up a form for James McCaul, your Fishery Guardian!—get him to sign on line,—right hand—lower side!—

and you put your name—under the word "Correct"—on lower left side.—

That will complete your accounts,—

You will have to go before a Magistrate, and swear to correctness of your own account, and diary—ending 31st December 1884.—

I will go at your annual returns, in a few days,—

I remain,—

Yours Sincerely,—

John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

David Sharp Esqre
Port Ryerse.
Ont^{o}

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Port Ryerse,
Ont^{o}
18. January 1885.—

Sir,—

I have the honor to send you herewith my account, and diary,—for year ending 31st inst^{t} of December 1884.—amounting to—$47.29 ℄.—

1. James McCaul. (Fishery Guardian.)
For services rendered—for year ending 31st day of December 1884, per voucher, $ 30.00 ℄.—

Total:—$ 77.29 ℄.—

I have the honor to be,—
Sir,—
Your Obedient Servant,—

(Fishery Overseer, Lake Erie.—
Ont^{o}

The deputy Minister,—
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.—

Hamilton. Ont.
15. January 1885.—

My dear Gordon!—

I sent you on the 16th of December last, per letter, a cheque for $438.72 ct. being in full, for building the Fishway in your Mills dam, at the Falls of the Fluma!— mis-stated building of Fishway,— on Downays mile down! "Green River"! being the amount allowed you by the Fishery department— on the work, being then completed! and I also sent you a copy of the letter I received from John Tilton, Esq. Deputy Minister, dated, Ottawa, 13th December 1884. that accompanied the cheque and receipts in duplicate.— From that day to this looking only one day to be an entire month!— and I registered the letter!!— Not a single word in reply!— surely if not satisfied with the settlement of the Fisheries department— you ought according to common courtesy have answered my letter, as I sent everything as I got them, and I withheld nothing from you.—

I am requested by letter from Ottawa to ask you to send me the receipts signed!— there!—

"I have not the receipts yet,— and I want them to complete my statement".— "Please write him, and tell him to send them at once."—

"The signing of the receipts wont impair any further claim he may have against the Department."—

"altho' I think he may feel well satisfied in getting the whole cost of Construction! when he was legally entitled to only one half!"—

Please sign, and send me on receipts at once, and any thing you have further to say about the matter!— Yours fraternally.

George Gordon Esq.
Indian Reserve Agent
Southampton Ont.

J. Whitcher
Fishery Overseer

(1.)

Hamilton. Ont.
15. January 1885.

Dear Sir.—

On the 16th of December last I sent a money letter to George Gordon Esq. "Indian rapids mills." Southampton. Ont., addressed to the care of Edward Busby.— Busby Stone.— and I registered the letter! since then, I have heard no more about it. —

Kindly tell me what you know?— And forward the enclosed, by the quickest and safest route:—

And oblige.—

Yours respectfully.—
John W. Kerr.
Money Order.

The Post Master,
Southampton.—
or Langcan.— Post office.
Ont.

Memorandum for S. O. Smith Esq.
Finance Department
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cheque No 4917 for $16.00 dated Ottawa 13 January 1885.— for $16.00 for quarter ending 31st December 1884.—

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

Memorandum for S. O. Smith Esq.
Finance Department
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cheque No 4917 for $16.00 dated Ottawa 13 January 1885.— for $16.00 for quarter ending 31st December 1884.—

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

Yours obediently.—
Hamilton. Ont. John W. Kerr
13. January 1885. Money Order

Private!

Memorandum! for L. P. Bowerbankᵉˢᑫ
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa.— Ontᵒ!—

I drew up a Petition to the Honᵇˡᵉ A. G.
McLelan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa!
handed to Hᵒⁿ Kilbt. M. P.— to send it in.—
give the big push!— There is no doubt but you
will require some to Canvass matters in Georgian
Bay, and Lake Huron!— and if such an ap-
pointment becomes necessary.— I am just as
well fitted for the place— as any other man!—
— dare, with all the et K. I have gone
through must afford me much! unless you
— know me all the! the piece stand up
for me:— Hᵒⁿ Whitcher. frequently promised me
promotion! but never Kept his word!—
Well perhaps! he could not help himself,
it is hard to say! I dont blame him; you
have more for me: within 2. years, than he
have during remaining 18 years.—
I wrote Hᵒⁿ George Gordon— the Miller.—
Indian rapids mill.ᵒⁿ Southampton. who built

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the Fishway.— and asked him to send me receipts.
&c... As Ordered by you, I wrote John D. Evans.
Espᵉ Civil Engineer. Denton. Ont! — re the
fishway.— in proposed Dam at Denton,— on
the 20ᵗʰ of December; Mr Evans! replied to
me on 30ᵗʰ December last, thus! —

"I beg to say:— that as soon as certain
preliminaries have been settled, and the con-
struction of the Dam fully decided upon."—
"I will inform you of the fact, and make
"an appointment!" — —

Thus so the matter rests!—

I received a paper announcing the marriage
of your Eldest son!— I wish the young couple
every happiness— prosperity and comfort that God
can bestow upon them. — — —

Last sunday night we had the Montreal
train here!— Today,— we have the snow!!—
I have caught a cold a cough and a sore
throat. — — It might be worse!— but thank
God it is not.— and for all his blessings be-
stowed on us poor mortals. — — —

2.

I am busy today - at Overseer D. Sharp's - Hess done, I go at my own! —

I received your copy of letter to Overseer James Muir! - it is hard on him! but he brought it all on himself! - and this letter does not show the half of the Money he received as License fees! — and never sent in to your department. — —

On my arrival at Southampton, and before I commenced my enquiries - Fisherman had him booked - for a final departure! —

And before I left Southampton - it was freely and openly talked of - he was to get Overseer James Muir's place. - why? - the Mc'Neille, M. P. himself, told me there was 1½ dozen of applicants for it.

Muir, is a mighty cunning fellow! when he visited Saulte Beach, - after I made my first visit, and enquiries there! he asked the Fisherman what I was doing, and what I said, and being partly told! replied it is all right. —

He imagines himself as Head of the fishery party in North Grey as invincible - to you he may assume ignorance. - Some one says his ignorance is bliss. — —

Why - if I had gone through all the fishermen, examined them as I have done with those; whose receipts I sent you. —

Where would Overseer James Muir, - be found! - I am told - "A defaulter - every year from his appointment, to the 31st of December 1884. — —

With my warm regards, and respects, — I am as usual, —

Yours Obediently, —

J. Phil. Wickett

Fishery Overseer

Hamilton, Ont., 16. January 1885. —

P.S. In any promotion that may come! please don't take from me any part of present Hamilton Division! —

J. P. Wickett

P.O.

16 Jan 1885

Hamilton. Ont.o
16. January 1885.—

My dear Sharp!

I received your letter, and last years return on yesterday, and I sat down this morning to make out returns for the past year.— I got on very well for a time until I arrived at Turkey point — Here I got stuck at Brooks account — And so I made up my mind to take a run up myself on next monday, moving to Port Dover, and go on to Turkey point, — besides I want to see you, and talk matters over — that has cropped up since last monday. —

I will call for you at your house, so that you may come on with me, to Brandale and Turkey point. —

We have it snowing here — all day.

1.

I hope it will continue. — It is more pleasant than rain, or dry roads, —

We must get up a correct return, — and we cannot do this correctly, according to the present memorandums furnished from Turkey point, —

I did not put 25 $ in your a/c^{ts}. — for Telegraph you sent me on 27th inst. — it happened this year. —

And I also left out your trip to see me at Pt Dover, because I found no note of it in my diary, — on 4th and 5th of December last, — We can add in a $1.75 $ in this years or Half years account, when we come to put it in! and make up a/c^{ts}.

Believe me, Yours Sincerely, —

John Wilkie
Fishery Overseer.

D. Sharp Esqre
Fishery Overseer. —
Port Ryerse, —
Ont.o

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
19. January 1885....

My dear Hellewell!—

I appost this week to have every thing collected for to begin my returns & report for the past year ending on the 31st of December 1884....

Have you all your returns ready?— if so, please let me have your copy— I then includes yours in mine and (I of us) can then, sign and certify.

I have very busy since I last seen 4 Counts. — I got on very well at Hampton!— I got the Fishway in complete, at "Indian rapids mills."— Langeau Chin and the Contractor Bill of 432.72 for constructing the same, was paid for by the P. department upon my recommendation!— It is a creditable piece of work!—

It would please you very much to see this fishway!— it is constructed, so that the fish instead of going over the dam,— enter the fishway, which is 52' feet long, 5' feet wide, and 4' feet deep: much deeper at lower entrance where the fish go in... "The entrance is 5 Ft^{s} by 4 Ft^{s}"—..

The upper end of the fishway, is placed in the mill flume:— where the water is 12' feet deep, at the end of the mill race!— with a gate or sluice way attached.— It is all covered over with 3" inch plank. — I have the model and specification— it is a most complete got up fishway.....

You! who know so much about Mills. would be pleased on an examination of this fishway— and the Model by which was built...

I also done the P. dept^{t}. good service in my enquiries on Lake Huron, for all of which I was handsomely paid..

—

Here is what I wrote to the deputy Minister of Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont.! 27th October 1899.

about you! as I told you!!!

Sir —

I have to report that on Friday last, in the City of Toronto, by appointment, I met Mr. Emerson, William Hollinside, of Highland Creek, and we discussed the Close season for White fish, and salmon trout; and I gave him some of your notices for distribution.—

About the Salmon in Duffins Creek! — "they are the natural breed fish of that "Creek." —

"Last year, during the spawning season! — "Emerson Hollinside, protected these fish, "in Duffins Creek, — I told him I would "write you, and ascertain if he could "attend to the protection of the Salmon "this fall." — I recommend the matter for "your consideration". — "He was not paid "anything additional for last year for attending "to this duty". — I recommend that he be paid $40.— for performing this duty "last year and this!" —

I get no reply to this letter! did you perform the duty last November, if so, report to me at once, and I will recommend that you be paid $40,— for your extra services. —

I am off to Bunkey point, Lake Simcoe, at 7.30. a.m. to day, — 130 miles — Home Back again — to night. —

I completed my 20. years as F.O. — on 16th of December last. —

Wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns. Believe me, as usual! —

Yours Sincerely. —

A. Willkins

Fishery Overseer

Wm Hollinside Esqre
P. Emerson
Highland Creek,
Ontario 4.

Ont. — 27th October 1899. — Sir — I have to report that on Friday last, in the City of Toronto, by appointment, I met Mr. Emerson, William Hollinside, of Highland Creek, and we discussed the Close season for White fish, and salmon trout; and I gave him some of your notices for distribution. — About the Salmon in Duffins Creek! — they are the natural breed fish of that Creek." — "Last year, during the spawning season! — "Emerson Hollinside, protected these fish, "in Duffins Creek, — I told him I would "write you, and ascertain if he could "attend to the protection of the Salmon "this fall." — I recommend the matter for "your consideration". — "He was not paid "anything additional for last year for attending "to this duty". — I recommend that he be

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}
19. January 1885.—

My dear Harris,—

I expect to be at your place on next Friday— to get up my Returns for last year.—

If you see Leavitt,— please tell him!—

I saw your son John,— about a month ago, he told me you got out the dung off your fishing ground!— John also told me— his mother— my friend! had been sick; but was better!— hoping this will find you all well!— and wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns,— believe as usual, with Kind and warm regards,— Yours Sincerely,—

D. L. O'Kane.—

C. A. Harris Esqre Fishery Inspector.
Port Dalhousie.
Ont^{o}

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
19. January 1885.—

My dear friend Alex,—

I expect to send you place on next Thursday by noon Train, for to go on to Bolton direct— and to-be home evening— next day;— there to Redeyer.—

See you be so good as to have a Horse and Cutter ready when the Train from Hamilton arrives at Port Dalhousie.—

With my Kind regards, and wishing you the compliments of the season, and many happy returns.— Believe me!—

Yours Sincerely,—

D. L. O'Kane.—

C. Alex Read, Esqre Fishery Overseer.—
Stoney Creek.
Port Dalhousie.
Ont^{o}

Hamilton. Ont.
20. January 1885.--

Memorandum.- for S. P. Bain. Esq. M.P.
Fisheries department.-
Ottawa.- Ont.

Yours received!- Ten thousand thanks. from the bottom of my heart I thank you!
We have the blizzard here.- - -
On yesterday morning- I left my House at 6.30.-a.m.- for Railway station- then off to Port Dover, and Turkey point- back home. here, at 8.30. p. m.- Miles 122.-
I send you 7. White fish- by Express. to-day!- I went up to see Overseer. D. Sharp.- and Turkey point.- fishermen! about fishing 2¾ in. inch mesh extension measure- Herring and Blue Pickerel gill nets! in the Outer Bay.- Lake Erie.

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I, arranged the matter! applications will be sent you in a few days.-
also gill nets, to be fished within 2. miles of a Lake Herring ground- or a Permit Not.- - -
I send you an article I cut from the Hamilton Telegraph for your information!.-
I saw the same remarks- in the Port Hope Daily Times- of the 15th inst.-
A great quantity of this saw dust goes from the Mills, in the State of Michigan!- enters Lake Huron, and floats about!- The Mills in the County of Bruce- in the rivers and streams named- contribute a large proportion of the saw dust floating about in L. Huron and Georgian Bay,- as I have already reported to you.-

Yours respectfully.-
John Wm.-
Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton. C.W.
20. January 1845....

My dear Sir!-

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th instant!- I went up to Port Dover, on yesterday.- Went on my way off to Turkey point- I called and saw Mr. D. Sharp. P. Master. at his Store; and by appointment on my return we met again at the Dominion Hotel- Port Dover.-

Mr. Sharp. and I gave your application due consideration! and we have arranged between us to recommend that the place you refer to, be licensed to you during this current year for the purpose of selling 3 pound rate- during the current year; so that you may have an opportunity of the Counties, wings, Canada and lands! I then, give you only notice...

I wish you would as soon as convenient- go down there! and let me Know if Smiths Bay.- where there is good dining ground for Piles,- is in the Township of South Cayuga, or in Rainham.-

Please give the Number of lots, you will require to occupy: and Names one here!-

I believe Mr. Sharp. Marlow is in South Cayuga.- or is it in the Township of Dunn?-

With my best regards,-

I am My dear Sir.

Yours truly.-

John W. Keyes

P. Master.

Aberdeen Stores

Seneca- P. office.-

C.W.

Hamilton. Ont.
21. January 1885.--

My dear Sir.—

Yours of the 19th instant is received.. I am obliged to you for the information it contains... I know the person you refer to... I am off to Port Colborne and Port Erie on to-morrow morning...

On my return I will immediately go for the person and Note you before he

Dont communicate my movements to any person not — to a member of your bd: — at same time collect for me all the information you can...

With due respect. — Believe me,

Yours very truly. —

J. Wilkie Esq.
Secretary for Bd. —
Toronto. Ont.

D. McWilkins
Riley Corners.

Immediate!

Hamilton. Ont.
21, January 1885.---

My dear Stevenson! —

Will you be pleased to meet me at the G. T. Railway Station, Toronto — on next monday next. when the 9 a.m. — Train. Express - arrives there: dont fail. ---

With my warm regards, —

Yours very truly. —

D. McWilkins —

Riley Corners.

Wm. Stevenson Esq.
Riley Corners. —
Highland Creek.
Ont.

Hamilton. Cant.
21. January 1885.—

My dear Stuart! —

Yours received, — you need have no fears for the future! — your business will all come in due time. — I intend coming to Toronto on next monday — and I will come out and see you!

I will take care that you shall get a printing for the girl like your note. — I was away to Lake Huron, and last fall up to 27th of November. —

Wishing you the compliments of the season; and happy returns immediate, I remain with my own regards, and respects to your Mother & family. Believe me Yours Sincerely. —

Capt. Stewart Esq.re — H. Killaly Jr.a —

If Hamilton. Cant.
27. January 1885

My dear Stellinwell

I have your 2. Blanks for your diary — Make it out, — add the Guardians Salary at Strathroy $ 40 — swear to affdt and send to me! dont back the account at all, leave that for me to do. — —

Sign the return in 2 places — and send back to me: I will finish it up then and report upon it. add the $ 40,— Jr.

My own pains me! —

Yours Jr.

J. W. Kerr. —
J. Cameron. —

Wm Stellinwell Esq.re —
J. Cameron. —
Highland Creek. —

Memorandum, for

Hamilton Ont^{o}.
21. January 1865.
S. P. Rennetby Esqre
Fisheries department.
Ottawa! Ont^{o}

This day! the John Davis. Fish trader here - received a Barrel of Speckled Trout, from Quebec!.

I understand speckled trout are declared to be Gibbed for, caught and Killed from the 10th of January - in the Province of Quebec! - is right!

I was talking to a person today from the County of Grey, who informed me that a single hook is made use of in the small speckled trout Lakes, with Nets, commencing in May and ends 15th Septr following in the Province of Ontario for Salmon. - with fine bearing. I write as my duty, and as chief Ch Officer of the Province! I am sure you will

The deputy Ministers of some of your Boats: and by activity and example make Ontario! Officers - what they should be! - in protecting the fish and the Fisheries! - Inactive and efficient corps!!.

I suppose when you get me the appointment - it will be Gazetted!!.

Talking about. The Right Honble Sir John A. Macdonald! —

It was 52 years - on 1st Septr last since I joined the Irish Constabulary Force! promoted Head Constable. 1st Septr 1837 — was fired at, and wounded in right leg, returned the fire - captured a Prisoner - and the year I served 13 years and 3 months in that Force, ended in Octr Stanley 26 Augt 1846. - I am a Militia Officer in Canada, since the fall of 1848, - I am Captain and Adjutant of the 1st Wentworth! - Commanded by late Sir Allan N. Macnab — Bart. —

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Have 4 years in Lower Canada Office-
ment in 3rd Clerk, one 1st Clerk,
when I resigned - 23rd April 1851, -
to take the position of 1st Clerk, in
the Engineer Staff of the G. W. Rail-
way, - Hamilton, - Served 7 yr. 1 m. and
7 days there! -

Dismissed or discharged with
45 others, because we supported the
late Hon: Isaac Buchanan - the friend
of Sir. John A, - Macdonald, - as agt.
Hazl. B. Baker, - a Tory Govt, -
brought out by the Grits. - Now Gentn:
and here I am this as you
see some hale and hearty. -

God save the Queen, -
and Confound the Rebels -

Yours respectfully,
J. C. Wilkes -

P.S.
I.J. Hyppolite Gouin Esqr.
Montreal C.E.

Hamilton 7th June! - -

If you want a few more White
girls - Let me know, and I will get
John S. Allen - of Port Dover - to keep
them for me in the Cheaper! - -

The white girl I sent you, last
January, - was caught in [redacted]
Three years! -

Yours &c.
J. C. Wilkes -
J. P.

-Copy/.-

Killarney/. January/. 13th 1885.

Dear Ker.-

I wrote you two letters, but received no reply as yet .. I presume delays in mails ... Times.- very dull here and no prospect of improvement. Fish men, are coming out at the small end of the horn ... Another poor year, would leave these Fishermen about as bad off as the reports of Labradore Fishermen are ... The 5" mesh played poverty on the men ... Have you any Knowledge, if this Big Lear is to be continued or cancelled ... There is sufficient material to enable it, if the Department would take the matter in hand ... I am of opinion there is, an undercurrent; that is working unseen, which helps to keep matters easier ... I will be glad to hear from you, when convenient ...

Respectfully/ Yours.-
D. Cameron ...

I presume the choice Red Trout are nearly all caught off.- The two Pound Nets,- just where they used to patch them ...

Another crowd of Boats,- for one season, with small mesh nets,- will clean out this Bay/. ... and if I am not mistaken, would clean out this pockets ...

D. C.-

Memorandum.- for S. C. Bennett Esq.
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa. — Ont.

Please find receipts- herewith - signed by George Gordon.- for the sum of $43.73 for constructing a fishway- and furnishing all the material for the same. - - -

I also send you a copy of a letter I received from Mr. D. Cameron of Killarney.- it refers to the Lease granted in Georgian Bay.- to C. and J. Noble.- V. V. and to the Fisheries there in general. - - -

The Gill net fishing. I regret to tell you; was resumed in Green Channel- and carried on both by Indians and Whites; during the close season for Trout and Whitefish,- last fall- your orders to the contrary.- nevertheless!..

At Ridgeway.- on friday last. I got a bad fall on the ice- landed on my left shoulder, hurted the muscles of my left arm. - - - It is now getting better. - - - lucky for me it is not my right arm or hand, or I might not be able to write you!

God it appears to me like the back for the burden!— Is that Job like I will thank the Lord it is no worse.

I shall be ready for the Sarnia trip, early in February. - - - -

If Overseer James Muir- continues much longer,- to disregard your letters to him for explanations: with the proofs in your hands! if I was in your place- I would make him sweat! send him up for Trial!— If you or I,- was in Muirs position power! he would handle us! and no mistake! but then your Kindly disposition is always on the side of mercy! Be merciful- that you may receive mercy.- seems- to have got a firm hold on Overseer. Jas: Muir. —

Since I placed my Petition in the Hilants-hands-for the Minister. I have never seen nor spoken to him since!- Having an advocate with the Minister! in you! I am satisfied with the result you may bring forth!!.
It is said the Rose will smell as "sweet if you call it by some other "name!"-

The name of Inspector of Fisheries has been used by him: Wilmot and his son until it has become threadbare altho' they had no title to the name.
The salary of Inspector; will be quite acceptable under any other name you may deem disposed to dub me with!- Give me plenty to do, I dont want, nor do wish to eat the bread of idleness!.
I am quite satisfied to leave myself "in your hands."

I had a long letter of thanks from Gordon; with several excuses for not handing me receipts sooner!.- It is a hard matter to satisfy Gentlemen, he has however endeavoured to Overwhelm me and the department with thanks! but wants remuneration for the dram. that was carried away, leaving the misfortune on Overseer James Muir,- Port Elgin!..
-As usual.-

I am your Obliged, and Obedient Servant.
John H. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont.
26. January 1885.

I go to Toronto. tomorrow; to see Hallimite. give note giving under the Seal. in Oakridges Mans.-
4/-
J. H. Kerr. F.O.

"Printed Papers."

Wm Stellwell Esqr
Fishery Overseer —
Highland Creek, —
Ont.o

Mailed on 27.
January 1885.
Wm K. Jno.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
27. January 1885.-

Myf dear Friend!-

Will you Kindly send me the quantity and Kinds of fish caught by you during last year, ending on 31st day of December 1884.- Thus!-

No: of lbs
—— pounds of Pike...
—— pounds of Coarse fish.-
—— pounds of Eels.....
—— pounds of any other Kind of fish caught.—

Wishing you the compliments of the season and many happy returns.- I am as usual.

Yours truly
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer

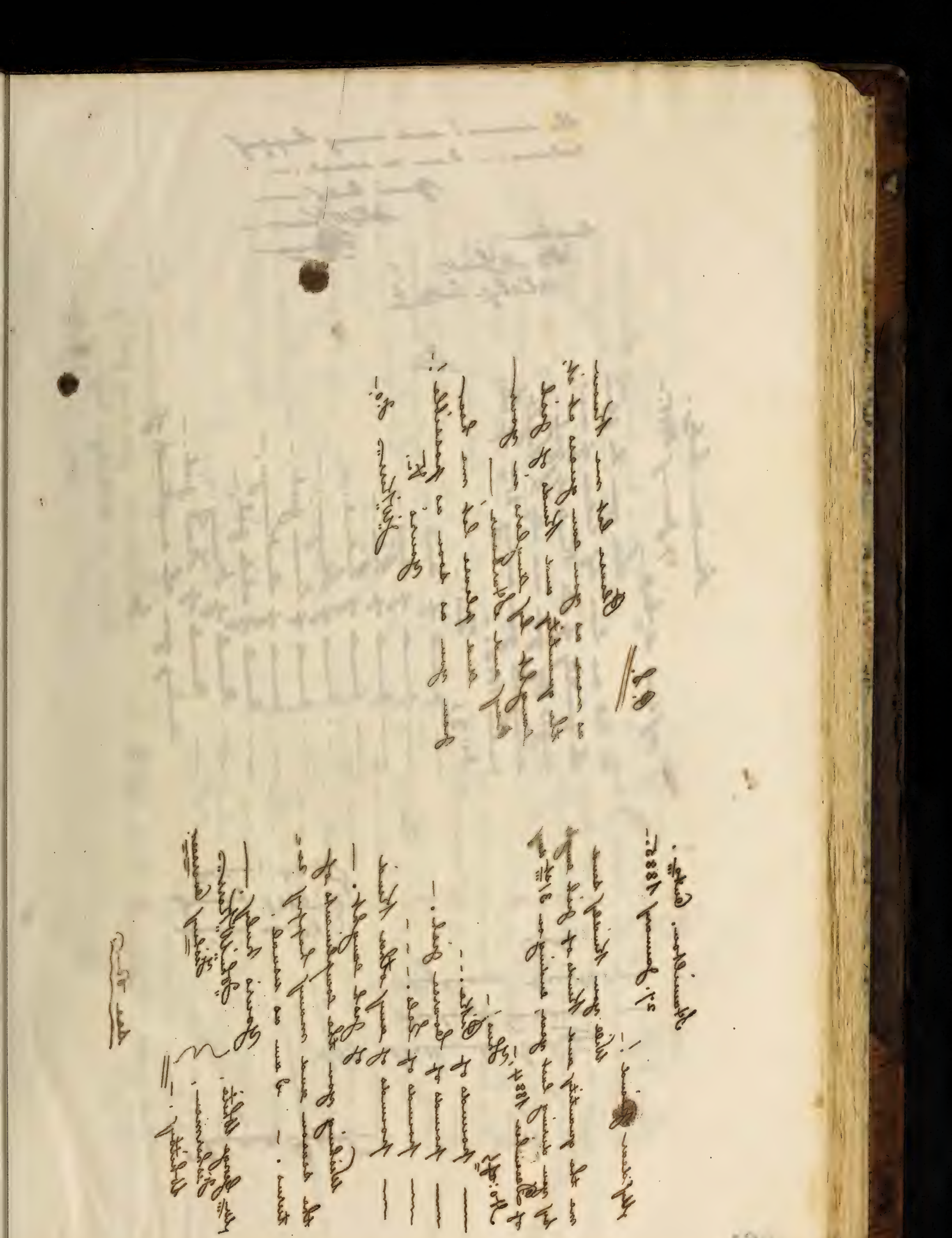
Mr. George White,
Fisherman,
Whitby.-

P.S.

Please let me know as near as you can guess at it, the quantity and Kinds of fish caught by Anglers in your Bay and Harbour—

and please let me hear from you as soon as possible!-

Yours &c.
J. W. Kerr P.O.-



Hamilton. Ont.
29. January 1885.—

My dear Sharp!—

I send your return for signature! sign! and put in cover sent for that purpose.—
Then mail!!—

I have kept copy,—and will soon make out a report from it. sign—and send to you for signature!—
and to mail to Department,—
Ottawa.—

I got a most unmerciful fall on the Ice—at Ridgeway—about 12, noon last Friday.—I imagined my left arm and shoulder was broken.—It was not so bad however! altho—bad enough.—..The muscles of my arm caught it, and it is in them the pain lies!—Fortunately it was not my right hand or I should have a worse

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story to tell!—

Some liniment I rub it with, is helping it along! and I hope soon to be all right again.—

I send you a neat return.—
I have my own—and Mr Hallowell's return of Highland Creek—Carrier to make out yet.—

The accounts—must be all kept in pounds weight in future.—
And the quantity of fish, in pounds—used for local consumption,—and in Towns, villages—townships and Counties, must be kept separate from the fish sent to Buffalo, U. states.—

after 1st July—if some arrangement is not made! Just fish going from Canada, to United States, will have to pay 1¢ per pound duty.—

as usual, Yours Sincerely.—
N. Sharp Esq
Ot Ryrie. Ont. 2
D. Gillmour.
Fishery Carrier.

Private!

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.
30. January 1885.-

My dear Friend!-

With reference to our conversation on Wednesday last, about your seeing the Minister on your arrival at Ottawa. - - -

I may here mention for your own private information that I have just received the following from a friend!-

Thus:-

"If you want the thing to go on quick, you had better write Mr. Kilvert,- to see the Minister as soon as he can before the Session is advanced, and get him to settle the matter!"- "It will be done in a twinkling: otherwise it may hang fire."-

Will you please govern yourself accordingly!- Ever Obliged

Yours Obedient Servant.-

J. Kilvert Esqre.
M.P.- House of Commons,
Ottawa.- - -

Phil. W. Ker.- H. Co.

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.-
31st January 1885.-

My dear Hellmuth,-

Your diary for quarter ending 31st December last. is received!- I added the $40.- making your a/c^{t}. $72.30¢.-

I struck out two items - that you wrongfully entered on the 9th and 19th of January 1885.-

Thus!-

2. days.- Miles 70.- amount $2.30¢.

as

these will properly come in, in this years a/c^{ts}.- I struck them out.-

They

had no business in a quarter they did not belong to. - - Examine diary &c. and mail to department, Ottawa.-

Yours Sincerely,-

Wm. Hellmuth Esqre.
Highland Creek.

J. W. Kerr.- H.C.

Memorandum.- for S. O. Bassett Esq.
Fisheries department
Ottawa! —

This notice appeared in yesterdays Mail. — Simcoe people with Sam: Dewitt Woodruff Esq. of St Catherines, and now the owners of the Turkey point, Marsh: and are determined to crowd out Turkey point Fishermen - if permitted. -

I send you this Notice - so that you may learn that this Company are seeking to get permission from the Local Legislature - Toronto - to grant licenses - "To take fish." —

I received the splendid Pocket diary - you sent me! and a smaller dandy one also! many thanks. —

I am assisting Sharp, and Hall: well to make out their annual returns. — —

Many thanks for your kind advice, I have written to Mr. H. E. Kilbart. —

My arm, altho' sometimes painful is getting better. — The Jolt shook me badly - my left arm and shoulder being the first part and only part that struck the ice and ground. —

Plenty of snow here now! —

I shall have my own returns and reports ready next week. — — —

Believe me with much respect; —

Yours Obediently. —

John W. Kerr. — F.C. —

Hamilton, Ont.o
29. January 1885. —

P.S. Doctor Salmon of Simcoe, and Ben: Kilmaster, of Port Rowan, are Members of Turkey point - Company. — J. W. Kerr. F.C. —

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Memorandum. Jas. J. Stewart Esq.
City Chamberlain
Office.

This matter appears in
[illegible] to me
[illegible] Mr. Stewart
[illegible] Mr. Hilliard.
[illegible] Mr. Hilliard.
[illegible] Mr. Hilliard.

1885...

8. January,—	Frederick Ware.—	1.	"	1.	00.	
do.—	George Baker.—	2.	"	1.	00.	
do.—	Thomas Jones,—	3.	"	1.	00.	
do.—	Alfred Harris.	4.	For spearing	1.	00.	
do.—	Ned Jaffa.—	5.	Licenses in Bay	1.	00.	Sent to the
do.—	W. P. Dejoie.—	6.	Lingden Bay.—	1.	00.	Deputy Minister
do.—	James [illegible]	7.	from 22nd inst.	1.	00.	[illegible]
do.—	Thomas [illegible]	8.	November 1884.	1.	00.	Fisheries. Ottawa.
do.—	E. V. [illegible]	9.	to the 15th inst.	1.	00.	8. January 1885.
do.—	Eden [illegible]	10.	[illegible]	1.	00.	Letter; Bank draft.
do.—	David [illegible]	11.	1885.—	1.	00.	[illegible]
do.—	George Smith.—	12.	"	1.	00.	
do.—	James Smith.—	13.	"		00.	
do.—	Jas. Jamieson	14.	"	1.		
do.—	Alex. G. Wolfe.—	15.	"	1.	00.	Total [illegible]

1885.—

9. January,—	Richard Joyce	1.	For Boat license year 1884...	10.	00.—	9. Jan: 1885. per
do.—	James Pitt.	2.	do Spearing lic	1.	00.	and Bank draft.
do.—	Ramsay Wells,—	3.	Issue!—	1.	00.	Total $12.00.

Grand Total $27.00

I certify the above account for $27.— is correct.

The Deputy Minister,—
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.— Cto.

Hamilton.— Cto.
31st January 1885.—

J. Phill. Vrs.— Overseer

January 1.— 5.---

1885.-							
28. January.	Francis D. Torrance.	1.			1.	00.	
"	Edward Frank.	2.	For Spearing		1.	00.	I now send you
"	Brock Lyons.—	3.	licenses in Bay		1.	00.	herewith Bank
"	Albert Lyons.—	4.	Leyton Bay.		1.	00.	draft, No: 276.-
"	Samuel Mitchell.	5.	from 22nd inst of		1.	00.	for $35.— dated
"	John D. Baker.—	6.	November 1884.		1.	00.	Bank of Montreal,
"	Andrew Adams.—	7.	to the 15th inst		1.	00.	January 28. 1885.-
"	Abraham Baker.—	8.	April 1885.—		1.	00.	To Receiver Generals
"	Samuel Missener.—	9.	"		1.	00.	Credit.—
"	Charles Smith.—	10.	"		1.	00.	"
"	Robt J. Allan & Bro.	11.	For Licence 1884.		5.	00.	"
"	Nicholas Everitt.	12.	For Licence 1885.		20.	00.	Total.. $35.00 cts.-

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1885.-							
30. January.	Barney Ronel.—	13.	"		1.	00.	"
"	Henry Boden.—	14.	For		1.	00.	I now send you
"	James B. Smith.	15.	Spearing licenses		1.	00.	herewith, Bank
"	William Curtiss.	16	in Burlington		1.	00.	draft, No: 288
"	Thomas Dreever.	17	Bay.- from		1.	00.	for $15.00 cts. dated
"	Jerry Hudson.—	18.	22nd November		1.	00.	Bank of Montreal
"	Robert McElroy.—	19.	1884. to the		1.	00.	January. 30. 1885.-
"	Thomas Peckham	20.	15. April 1885.		1.	00.	As Receiver
"	David Corey.—	21.	do.—		1.	00.	Generals Credit.
"	George Hall.—	22.	do.-		1.	00.	"
"	Richd Taaffe.	23.	Boat Licence 1884.		5.	00.	Total. $15.00 cts.

I certify this account for $50,— is correct.— Grand total $.50.00 cts.

The Deputy Minister,—
Department of Fisheries.—
Ottawa,— Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
31st January 1885.

John W. Kerr.—
Overseer

Hamilton. Ont°.

31. January 1885.—

Sir.

I have the honor to apply to you, for a Seine license for Mr. Nicholas Everitt of Bertie,—

For to fish in the Niagara River, during this current year! The license fee, sent herewith, is to be Twenty dollars for 1885.—

In every other respect, this license is to be the same as last season 1884.—

As Ordered,— by your Circular,— dated, Ottawa, 5th January 1885.—

I now send you returns of Monies received, and sent you during this month of January as License Fees!—as follows:—

No: 1,— Amount is $27.00 ct.—

" 2.— do. " " 50.00 ct. = $77.00 ct.—

Will you be pleased to find Bank drafts,— No: 296,— for $35.00 ct.— and No. 228,— for $15.00 ct.—

In No: 1, return. The amount, $. 27.00 ct. was sent to your department, by draft,— from Bank of Montreal, as therein set forth.——

Out of 41,— licenses accounted for herewith, during the month of January 1885. ending this day,— I only require a license for Mr. Nicholas Everitt.—

I have the Honor to be.—

Sir.—

Your Obedient Servt.—

John. D. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,—

Department of Fisheries,—

Ottawa. Ont°.

Hamilton. Ont.
3. February 1885.

My dear Sir. —

On examining your returns today, I find you omitted altogether therefrom the names of 1st John Fertile, who fished 3,000, yards of Herring gill net! — last year! —.
2nd. Edward Joyce, who fished 4,000. yards of Herring gill nets, — do, do.
I also find no record of a second Dorland! — all I remember was, to hear he was going to fish, — He better pay! —
Get for me at once returns from John Fertile, and Edward Joyce. —
About license money, — I will be down, soon, and collect every cent of it. —
As usual! Yours fraternally. —
W. H. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

W. D. Pollock Esqre
Bronte, Ont.

William Kerr
Fishery Overseer

"Christie Express."

Received on 3rd inst.
January 1885. —
J. W. Kerr.

J. C. Bennet Esqre
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa. —

Hamilton, Ont.
3. February 1885.

Overseer sends me duplicate returns for 1884. —

W. H. Kerr.

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Hamilton, Ont.,
2, February 1885.—

My dear Hellmuth!

I commenced this day to make out your return! adding thereto, the statistics from Whitby, Thunder Bay, Port Credit and Toronto. —

In the first place, I find you omitted John Gunsalle of Toronto altogether! — Gunsalle caught Eels, — find out for me, how many pounds he caught. —

Also No: of Pounds of Eels, caught by Henry Humphreys; or by any other fisherman, and let me have this as soon as possible. —

Gunsalle — caught Pike last year — find out from him how many pounds — and send it to me also! —

Gunsalle, I believe caught S. Trout also, — please get from him the number of — pounds, — and send me at once. —

I may here state for your information

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Viz Trout, Eels, Bass, Pike, Pickerel Sturgeon, and Coarse fish; must be returned in pounds; per yearly printed return for last year 1884. —

White fish, and Herrings — in Barrels of 200 pounds each Barrel, —

Please send me as above and I can at once make out annual returns and I will then send to you for signatures. —

Your return in its present shape, is a dead letter to me! —

please let me have it as soon as possible. —

I am under orders for Port Sarnia, and as usual, —

Yours Sincerely. —

John W. Kerr —

F. Cuvier. —

Wm Hellmuth Esq
Highland Creek.

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Hamilton, Ont°.
2. February 1885.

My dear Brother Clark, —

„Your Post-card, is to hand!
Mr Richard Gilbert is Post-office-address is — Jordan Station, — Post-office, — Ont°,
any thing from you! that I receive, is always welcome! — I shall be off for Lake Huron again in a few days. —
„There is no rest for the wicked! —
My arm is getting better slowly! why dont you write me oftener! I am so glad to hear from you! and always so happy when I hear of your prosperity. —
I was told by a mutual friend! that you had cleared the Annie Clark, — play you clear 15.000 or 20.000 dollars, this year, — and be careful of your money, and put some up every year!! —
dont fail in doing this! —
and believe as ever and always!

„Yours fraternally,
John W. Kerr F. C.

Please get from Mrs Mr Bayles Bible the deaths, births, & marriages of the grandchildren of the different families during your residence there, & send them to me at Hamilton, Ont°. as soon as you can! —

Yours!
J. W. Kerr F. C.

private and Immediate. 1/2

Hamilton, Ont.
3. February 1885.

My dear Mr Post

Will you be pleased to give me a return on Gulls for year ending 31st of December 1884! Of all the different Kinds of Fish you received on your Warehouse, on the Esplanade, Toronto! and sold and distributed in that City and in the Towns and Cities villages of Dominion, and United States!

——— Tons of Wh: Fish at $ —— per ton!
——— Tons of Trout. at $ —— per ton. —
——— Tons of Pickerel at $ —— per ton.
——— Tons of Pike, at $ —— per ton.
Note! — Keep the Pike seperate you received from Manitoba! — $ — per ton.
——— Tons of Sturgeon. $ — per ton. —
——— Tons of Eels. — $. — per ton. —
——— Herring Fresh. $ —— per ton. —

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——— Speckled Trout. $ —— per pound, —
——— Suckers and Mullets $ — per, —
——— Bass. $ per pound. ——

Please give me also! the Salt water Fish, you have received, — Tons — and disposed of ——— as above! and include Tommy Cods, — Shrimps, Oysters, Cod-Fish! — Haddock — Salmon, — Halabut — Salt water Herring — Mackeral, Fr. Fr. Fr. — Fr. Fr. Fr. Fr. Fr.

My object is to include all these things, in my annual returns! so that the F. department Ottawa! may Know what an incatimable Citizen of Toronto! you are!!!

Please let me have these things soon! — if Mr Hallowell calls on you, please say I applied myself to you direct. ———

With Kind regards, and best wishes.

Yours fraternally ———

D. W. Post Esqre
Boat House. —
Esplanade. Toronto!!

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Cruiser.

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Hamilton.- Ont°.
20th January 1885.--

Sir.

I have the honor to report, and submit my annual report ending 31st December 1884. for your information and consideration.---

My division proper! extends from Whitby Harbour, Lake Ontario! to Moulton Bay; Lake Erie.---

On the whole, the take and catch of fish, during the past year has been satisfactory.---

And the arrangement made by you of returning quantities of all fresh fish by the pound, under each denomination is to be approved of.----

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The catch may be enumerated as follows!—

No. 1.	From Whitby Harbour to Burlington.-	#. 38.000.
" 2.	From Burlington to Winona..	7.114
" 3.	From Winona to Town of Niagara..	8.769..
" 4.	From Niagara to Moulton Bay.-	6.128.-
	Total for year 1884.-	#. 60.011..
Del.	Amount caught year 1883.---	42.868.
	An increase over the previous year.---	#. 17.143.-

Herring and Ciscos!—

This large increase is to be found in the abundance of Herring and Ciscos. fished for and caught in Lake Ontario, at the village of Bronte, as set forth in return, No. 1.- herewith.—

Besides Herring and Ciscos,- have been extensively fished for, and caught between Bronte and Queenston; during the past year.----

The Deputy Minister.—
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.- Ont°.

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Sturgeon! —

The catch of sturgeon, by the Niagara fishermen, proved successful during the past year, and commanded good prices! — 26.600.— pounds of dressed sturgeon is a large item! in last years returns! most of them were caught by gill nets, in American waters — Lake Ontario.— landed at Niagara!— dressed, and shipped to the American markets. —

Suckers, and Mullets.— bait fish. —

Even Suckers, and Mullets: when other fish are scarce, are eagerly sought after now a days: they prove lucrative to the Farmers and other persons who desire the privilege granted by the Fisheries department, an inducement for to catch them during spring freshets. —

White Fish, and Salmon Trout. —

The 80. Barrels of white fish, caught during the past year, in my division! justifies me, in drawing your attention to this subject. . . .

For Trout,— The 2.060— pounds — caught,— will only admit of my doing so. . .

I may here report, that they were not fished for, except on a light scale during the past year. —

Angling, and Trolling! —

It has been splendid during the past year,! more especially in Burlington Bay,— and Niagara River. —

The Salmon! . —

Not a single salmon has been reported to me, as being caught in my division of Lake Ontario during the past year. —

A few California Salmon, were caught by anglers

in Cuslinck Lake; last summer, they measured about 12." inches long. –

"The Fry were planted in the Lake, on the 4th, 1882. by Mr. Charles Wilmot upon my recommendation to the Department. – Mr. John Davidson, of Guelph, reported this pleasant incident to me last August. –

Angling was instantly stopped. – I will report to you more fully – on this subject, shortly. –

In reply to No: 1. – of your Circular, addressed to me, dated 1st. October 1884. – –

I have to report that there was a decrease in the catch of white fish and Trout, in my division of Lake Ontario; during last year, and for the two previous years of 1883 and 1882. – This has been so discouraging! that fishermen will not embark their means for material to be used in fishing for them. – –

There was no seine fishing for white fish, at Toronto Island! nor at Burlington Beach. – It was trifling on the Seine hauling grounds at Niagara. – "Year 1884." –

The white fish were so scarce, as my returns will show! that fishermen had no inducement, for seine fishing on Burlington Beach, Toronto Island, and some grounds at Niagara were left vacant. –

In reply to No: 2. – of your circular, I beg to report that American fishermen at Youngstown – N. York! dump sturgeon offal. &c in to the Niagara River. – –

And a large manufacturing establishment, at Tonawanda, – New York, dump large quantities of shavings into the Niagara River there! and they come down the Niagara River, to the Town of Niagara and float in very large quantities out into Lake Ontario, and no doubt damage our fisheries.

I most respectfully solicit your Kind offices in stopping this serious damage and injury. —

In reply to No: 3. of your circular, — I am pleased to report to you that "Close seasons" in my division are legally observed. — —

In reply to No: 4. — I have to report that I have none in my division! —

In reply to No: 5. — I have to report, that I have done so! —

In reply to No: 6. — I have to report, that I have chargully complied with your instructions. — —

And I recommend that you will be now pleased to Order the sale of all fresh fish, to be disposed of by the Pound. — It will give general satisfaction. — —

In conclusion — I have to congratulate you on your promotion. — And with due respect, —

I Have the Honor to be! —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer. —

P.S.

I have included the catch of fish, in Overseer, William Hallowells division! in my returns, for the past year. —

Also Nos Hallowell and Pollock! have been active, and attentive to their duty, during the past year! —

J. W. Kerr — F.O.

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Memorandum.— Jos S. O. Bensteadʳᵉ
Fisheries department.
Ottawa, Oct. 1ˢᵗ.

Your instructions for Ont Sarnia, has come to hand; & start for there on tomorrow; and you may depend on me to carry out your Orders! —

I send you herewith my Returns and report.— Owing to the dilapid state of my left arm; I was unable to make out a second return of my statistics.— —

I send you the only copy I made!— I, may be shen if I require it, to get this back from you again, and make copy. in case I send it. —

The fall I got— shook me badly!— I am getting all o. K.— again. The trip to Ottawa, will rest me. ——

You may Recollect, many years ago,

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I was there on a similar errand! —
As directed! — I wrote Mr. Kilcourt, M.P.
I received the following on last evening!
House of Commons.—
J. W. Kerr Esqʳᵉ Canada, 6. Feb: 1885.
Inspector of Fisheries.—
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

I had an interview with the Minister and urged your claims with all my might. —
And I trust something may come of it.— Yours truly &c.
J. E. Kilcourt.—

And so the matter now stands! —

Yours Respectfully
J. W. Kerr. &c.

Hamilton. Ontᵒ.
8. Feb: 1885.

Hamilton, Ont.
12th February 1885...

Sir,-

In obedience to your order of 31st of January last, I proceeded to Sarnia last monday the 9th instant.--

I went to Point Edward Fishery, where I found Mr Marcus Hitchcock, made necessary enquiries, took down facts, so as to briefly report for the Minister and your information!- They are as follows:-

No: 1.-

"You ask me!- "How long has Mesdames Hitchcock and Slocum been in the habit of sub-letting and "to whom!"

I have to report that so far as Mrs Ann M. Hitchcock is concerned, there never has been any sub letting on her part.-

The facts are! Mr Samuel Hitchcock, the Original lessee, and joint lessee, with deceased Abraham Slocum, Sr and after his demise - with Abraham Slocum Jr. died on the 11th of March 1871.- At that time his 4th eldest son, Marcus - occupied and had been in charge of the Point Edward fisheries.- Before Mr Samuel Hitchcock died - he made a will, bequeathing all his rights to the Fisheries at Point Edward, to his son Marcus,- subject to an annuity of $100- a year, therefrom to his mother Mrs Ann M. Hitchcock, one of the present lessees, during her natural life,- this has been annually paid ever since! and she is now paid up to 1st of July next.-

Marcus according to the will of his father, was also to pay,- 1/2 of the annual leases fee,- $150,- for the fishery. Marcus had to assume all his fathers debts and liabilities,- for the position willed him in Point Edward Fishery....

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa.--

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pleasure - has faithfully fulfilled this to the extent of $3.000,- besides he has paid all the expenses connected with the fishing and fisheries .. The license however! was always applied for, in the name of his mother! when in reality he was jointly the occupant in possession with Mrs Lavina Slocum .. This is the case, so far as Mrs Hitchcock is interested. - - - And I must say: I admire the filial affection of this dutiful son, for his aged mother of 70 years . - - -

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Now as regards Mrs Lavina Slocum - widow of the late Abraham Slocum Jr. Killed at Point Edward, 30th June 1867,- the case is different . - - -

After her Husbands death! Thomas Parkinson, his brother, took charge of the Fisheries for her! he was in charge there on the 1st January 1868,- when the department sent me on a similar errand to the present one to Point Edward fisheries ..

The fishery,- has always been fished seperately! by Mrs Lavina Slocum; and Mrs Ann M. Hitchcock; each for herself!- the license fee - being sent to the department in a similar manner . - -

The fishery,- so far as Mrs Lavina Slocum was concerned, under the management of her brother went down ultimately, as was told: Parkinson - took to drinking and neglected the business . - - -

St. J. Slocum,- her brother in law, then took charge of the Point Edward - fishery,- for her! for some time; he done better for her, and for himself: than Thomas Parkinson, her brother, had done for her . - - -

The agreement between Mrs Lavina Slocum, and St. J. Slocum was!- That after paying all expenses, and half of the annual license fee,- - - - $150,- they were to divide the profits between them: share and share alike . - -

He too! became drunken,- took the Lions share of the

people to himself" and compelled her, to sell out stock

Mrs Slocum was in debt, had a Mortgage on her property at Sarnia, - was paying 9. per cent interest on a Mortgage of $2.500, - so acting on the advice of her friend and Agent! Mr A. C. Clark, of Sarnia, - she sold out her interest in the Point Edward - fisheries! to Mr William Stead of Sarnia: for the sum of $4,000, - and everything belonging thereto. -

The foregoing is my answer to No: 1. -

No: 2, - "How much have they received every year on account, over and above the annual rent?" -

Mrs Lavina Slocum's share and proportion of the profits! it is impossible for me to tell you. - -

St. J. Slocum I heard from Mr A. C. Clark, who made up the books "cheated the widow," - going even so far as to cut and tear out some of the leaves from the book, containing their accounts. -

Mrs Lavina Slocum, resides in Detroit, U. States, - has resided there, during the last (8) eight years! - Hence I did not see her. -

Mrs Ann M. Strickland, received her $100. per annum regularly, as fixed by her deceased husbands will. - - I called on her at her cottage - situated in rear of the Homestead dwelling! which she rents. - -

In the cottage she has resided since her Husbands death! and she has never resided in the United States. -

The fishery is valuable, and has enabled Thomas Strickland, to pay up, and clear off the debts and liabilities of his deceased father; within 14 years! to the extent of $3000, - besides maintaining fishing rig, paying fishermen, fishing himself and his mother! supporting himself and family - and living respectable at Point Edward. - - -

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No: 3.- "What is the value of the improvements?"

The present Buildings at Port Edward in connection with the Fishing ground and occupied by Mrs Chas. Strickland, and her son Marcus, - is fair value for $500.-

And the Buildings purchased by Mr William Stead, from Mrs Lavina Sloacum, is fair value for $500. more.

That is, all the Buildings combined are worth $1000.- Besides! they have Nets, Lines and Boats, &c.-

And,- Mr William Stead - paid M. J. Sloacum $80,- for fishing plant, and for relinquishing his claim to Lease of the Port Edward Fishery,- for the balance of the year, from the 4th October 1884! when Mr Stead got possible possession. - -

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No: 4.- What do you consider fair and just for the privilege in question?"

$500. per annum, payable yearly in advance, I consider fair and just for the privilege in question. -

In addition to this, I would recommend that Chas. St. Strickland, and Mr William Stead, of Sarnia, - do now receive a Lease of the Fishing grounds, at Port Edward, according to exemption for a term of 18 years. -

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I have arranged the matter in this way with the subject of course to your approval. -

Because to make the fisheries more profitable - they will have to have a Freezer, a Smoke House, and a large Crib - surrounded by Sheet piling, similar to the Crib - at the Detroit River at Sandwich: for - Keeping Sturgeon and Herring alive in during the - respective seasons. - These improvements will entail an outlay of about $2500. - - -

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It appears, from a copy of my report before me, that I was appointed on the 14th January 1815, by instructions from the Department of Indians Affairs, to investigate and report upon the claim of Chief Seven Indians. —

And from that date, until now, nothing has happened, for to me the knowledge that there was such a person as Chief Seven Indians. — —

I now send you Bank drafts, from Mr. Hitchcock, on Wilson Shaw, for £500.- being Rent in arrears for your 1000 acres Lease for 10 years, of the Chief Seven Indians. — — Viz: —

Bank draft No: 297.- for £150.00/-
" " 298.. " ...150.00 "
" " 393.. " ...100.00 "
" " 394.. " ...100.00 "
Total. - £500.00/-

I hope you will be pleased to approve of the arrangement made! — And apply the £500. as requested. —

And I respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased to grant to Mr. Hitchcock, and Wilson Shaw of Lancaster, a renewal of the Lease of Chief Seven Indians, for a term of 10 years, from the 14th of January last, with all the privileges thereto belonging, at the rate of £50. a year payable on the 14th day of January — every year in advance, see Section 2 of the Indians act. —

Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be, —
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Keating —
Deputy Surveyor

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Memorandum. for L. O. Bennet Esqre,
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa. Ont^o^.

I omitted to tell you, that Messrs Henry M. Whitcomb and William Stead, when at Sarnia.- handed me an application - addressed!- thus!!!-

John Tilton Esqre
Deputy Minister of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.—

Sir.

We respectfully apply for a renewal of Lease of Point Edward fishery.- for a term of years.—And we agree to pay for the same the sum of ($ 500.-) Five hundred dollars. per annum.-

Yours respectfully.—
Henry M. Whitcomb.—
Wm Stead.....

Sarnia—
Oct: 19th 1885.

It was after I got this. I sent Landers the drafts.- for the $ 500.—
Oct 22. J. W. Kerr. J.o.

Memorandum.- for L. O. Bennet Esqre
Fisheries department.
Ottawa.—

Dear Sir!— I sent you as directed, the draft of my Point Edward fishery report.— With you the pleasure to look it over.- pass off. and forward— and then Landers and I will settle it off.— I have the Bank drafts for the $ 500 and will retain them,— until I hear off the refusal, as executed! Then you shall have the money drafts,— I hope that I have done well for the applicants &c.—

Yours ever obliged!—
J. W. Kerr.- J.o.

Hamilton. Ont^o^
12. February 1886.

Hamilton, Ont.o
13. February 1885. . .

Sir.-

I am in receipt of the copy of returns of the Fishermen - of the Sarnia Division! Overseer D. McMaster, in charge! - - That you sent me!!. —

These returns represent in a confused way, — licensa fees sent to the Deputy Minister. - Department of Fisheries, - for the years 1883. 1884. and for early part of 1885, - to the extent of $ 535.00 ct. . -

As per your letter to D. McMaster Esq.re Sarnia, Ont.o 7th February 1885. — Thus: —

On	22. October 1884, —	Amount. —	$ 350.00 ct. -
„	20. November —	— „ —	„ 100.00 ct. -
„	30. December —	— „ —	„ 30.00 ct. -
„	29. January 1885. -	— „ —	„ 25.00 ct. -
„	5. February —	— „ —	30.00 ct. -
		Total, -	$ 535.00 ct.

In obedience to your private Memorandum, - I talked matters over for at least a couple of hours, - and I am satisfied now! that in future he will be more particular. - - I believe he is strictly honest towards the Fisheries department, Ottawa! - although somewhat careless and negligent in the performance of his duties - too slow besides in collecting licensa fees - and in sending same to The deputy Minister, - Department of Fisheries, - and neglecting to apply to the department - for licenses, - as no Fisherman can fish nets in the waters of Ontario! without having a License signed by the Deputy Minister, granting the privilege. —

Some Fishery Overseers - imagined they could issue

To,
L. P. Bourassa Esq.re
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa, Ont.o
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full power for any man to fish, direct from himself, and that was all sufficient. -- I explained to him, Overseer D. McMaster, - that power was now invested in The Minister, - and The Deputy Minister, Ottawa, & the clerk, and to The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa! he must apply, and be more punctual in future, - Overseer, D. McMaster, promised to take my advice; and I believe he will. —

Apart from the Fisheries, - I may here report that Overseer, D. McMaster, has been extensively engaged in Book Store, and Stationary business - at Sarnia - for several years past, - until last fall, - when he failed; - through Campbell & Co - Toronto, - and as he told me: he lost all! - This is his position at present. —

I now send you returns from 1. to 5, - which I hope will fill up some of Overseer D. McMasters, remisness! - I advised him to reply direct to Deputy Minister of Fisheries letter of the 7th instant, and this he promised me he will do! - also of he es, -

The following returns - will I hope, explain and remove his neglect away, and so appease your wrath: —

1. The return for year 1883, - herewith - is $ 155.00. -
and for year, - 1884. do. - is. 195.00. —
per return No: 1, - amount is .. $ 350.00 -
2. - The return for year, 1884. - - do. - - " - 100.00 -
3. - The return for year, 1884. - do. - - " - 30.00 -
4. - The return for January, 1885. - - do. - - " - 25.00 -
5. The return for February, Years 1884 & 5. . do - - 30.00 -
Total .. $ 535.00 -

Respectfully submitted. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

P.S.
I explained to Overseer McMaster, how he was to apply in future for timers, - and collect the fees, - and send the [illegible] to. —
J.W. Kerr, - F.O. -

Memorandum, for S. B. Bamet Esq
Fisheries department,
Ottawa, Ont.

I received your letter, last monday morning. just as soon as I reached the city on my way to Sarnia. — — With your private Memorandum on the papers enclosed, and also the deputy Ministers letter to Overseer. D. McMaster — Sarnia. —

On last tuesday afternoon, when I had been to, and returned from Point Edward to Sarnia! — I had a long chat with Overseer McMaster — He is an Irishman — near Londonderry — Belfast — Ireland. —

He will answer the deputy Ministers letter! In doing this, I advised him to be frank, open and truthful in doing so, and he promised me! he would. he made out the returns you required. I dressed them up for him, — and I hope they will meet your approval. —

I gave him my humble and best advice in all things! and I believe he will take it. — —

We have had a Cold severe Big storm here since Monday morning last. — I got a long all right. provided what I have done — has met your approval and the other powers that be.

Yours respectfully. —

Hamilton. Ont.
13. Feb: 1885.

Jno. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

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Hamilton Ont.o
14. Feb: 1885.—

Sir.

I have just received the enclosed copy of letter of application made by Coroner W. A. McCrae of Dunnville, on your behalf and C. F. Swansepeer.— for a licence to fish 3 Pound nets in Lake Erie! commencing at the Township, between Rainham, & South Cayuga!— and South Cayuga!— thence in front of South Cayuga:— and the Township of Dunn: to within 2 miles of the mouth of the Grand River.—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th January last. but in it you say nothing about C. F. Swansepeer! pray who is he?!—

Mr W. A. McCrae, has no power on Gods earth, for to give you a permit:— to fish these grounds: and neither have I!— This privilege alone remains in the hands of The Minister and deputy Minister.

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as by Law established!—

Smiths Bay.— as I understand is the only place where Piles.— for Pound nets,— can be driven!—

To recommend all the Township of South Cayuga! and nearly all,— of the Township of Dunn,— to be licensed to you: shews conclusively to me at all events! how very little of Mr W. A. McCrae's feelings go for the welfare and interest of the Fisheries.—

On receipt of this letter! please let me know when you can meet me at Dunnville, and we can drive from there— out to the Township, view the premises,— see what you do actually require: after which I can report on Coroner W. A. McCrae's application. Give me a couple of days notice.— so that I can meet you in time!—

Yours truly.—

A. Stoner Esq.
Rainham,— Ont.o

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

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Copy.—

Fishery Overseers office.—
Dunnville. Feb: 5. /85.—

Sir.—

I have the honor to forward application of A. Hoover.— and C. F. Lewis.— for /3/ three Pound nets, to be used in Lake Erie, between the Town line, between South Cayuga and Dunham; thence easterly in front of Township South Cayuga and Dunn, to within 2 miles of the mouth of the Grand River.—

The amount to be paid $40.— Forty dollars.— for each net.— or $120. One Hundred and twenty dollars for the three.— I Have the Honor to be, Sir.—

The Hon: The Minister of Marine & Fisheries.— Ottawa.— } Your Obedient Servant. Jas. W. A. McCraa.— Fishery Overseer.—

Hamilton. Ont.
14.— Febuary 1885.—

My dear Sir.—

Will you be pleased to let me have a copy of your Turkey Point.— Marsh.— Bill.— now before— The Legislative Assembly.— Toronto.— Your compliance will much oblige.

Yours respectfully.—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

James D. Woodruff Esq[re].
St. Catharines.—
Ont.

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Memorandum / for S. T. Bastedo Esqre
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa, Ont^o.

In obedience to your Memorandum, I now send you a copy of the proposed Bill of The Long Point Company. Lake Erie; — and which is an Act to amend an Act intituled. "An Act to incorporate the Long Point Company." —

This Act was drawn up by Colonel David Hisdale, of Simcoe. County of Norfolk. the Long point Companys Solicitor! . —

At present the Long point Company. own no part of the water outside of Long Point "Proper" and the Marsh lands. except in Rice Bay. —

And there is a Chain reserve of one chain; established all around Long Point. "For fishing purposes". . . .

By section 2. of this Amended Act. — the Long Point Company. — it appears are determined to acquire more land in the Navigable waters of Lake Erie; which now surrounds Long Point. —

I respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to stop this at once; and stop such an invasion of the Fisheries at once. . . .

Last year, and the previous year: the Long Point Company. having a Lease of the Fisheries, surrounding Long Point. in Lake Erie! did with the permission of The Fisheries department. Ottawa, sublet to W. M. Alderson, and H. W. Dusley Esq^rs of Port Dover! who fished Pound Nets, — and paid to The Long Point Company. the usual License fee of $40.00 per annum. for each Pound.

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W. H. Alderson - paid this amount for "Four Pounds - during the years 1883 - and 1884! to The Long Point Company. - - - For four Pounds the license fee was $160. - per annum. - - - A profit per year of $60. pocketed by the Long point boys; - for W. H. Alderson, - fishing there alone, per year. - - - I cannot tell you if St. W. Dudley - paid anything - for his privilege of fishing Pounds there. - - - for either the years - 1883 - and 1884. - - -

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The Sturgeon are very numerous in Lake Erie, on the south side of Long Point, - And so are Herring and Pickerel! - But scarcely any fishing, except on a very limited and light scale has been carried on there, since the Long Point Company; purchased Long Point. - - - At certain season, during summer and fall; white fish; could be caught there! And in Sturgeon alone; fishing for them with gill nets of seven meshes deep! 11½" inches, (mesh) and 12" inches, (mesh) extension would be a profitable investment, for the Fishermen. - - -

It is about time to do away with this Long point, Monopoly, - especially when they show a desire to acquire illegal right over Lake Erie - fisheries - by the Acquisition of a Provincial Act of Parliament, Toronto, with the Ministry of which - Long Point people - and their Secretary, stand A. No: 1, - in consequence of the large quantities of wild ducks sent to the Members of the Government every year. - -

It is on the North side - of Long Point - that the Pound nets, - were fished, - Buy[illegible] at Ryerse's Island. - The Bluff, - and away further East, - towards the Light House, - at the extreme net -

Lake end of Long Point, - situated about 20 miles away from the main land. -

Sturgeon, Pickerel, Herring, White fish, and Coarse fish! are numerously caught along this side of the Point; when proper attention was paid to the fishing!

The fishing however has always been carried on under the superintendance of the Long Point Company, - and hence a failure. - -

W. H. Anderson! will not fish Pound nets, - at Long point, this year! having disposed of his four Pounds! application to be made for fishing them in an other place. -

Neither will H. W. Dudley - fish Pounds at Long - this year. -

I send you this Ast. for your information; I got it from the Secretary, - Mr. John S. MacKenzie, I did not tell him what I intended to say to you about it, and the Long point, Lake Erie - fisheries. - You can show this memorandum, and the Act - To The Deputy Minister, &c. &c. &c.

This Act is to be read first thing on next Monday morning. - Legislative Assembly - Toronto.

Yours respectfully; -

John W. Kerr. -

Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
15. Feb: 1885.

P.S. The intention is, I believe to sell out, - I would cancel the Fishery Lease! and let fishermen fish direct by licence from the Fisheries department Ottawa. - I would recommend this with all my heart, and mind!. J. W. Kerr. - J. Overseer. -

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Private

Hamilton. Ont.
16. Feb: 1885.

My dear Ramsay,—

That Gale I got at Ridgeway.—hurted me badly—as I am not recovered yet!—

You promised to let me Know, who! are all fishing fish nets—under the Ice—in Lake Erie,—between Wind Mill point, and Point Abino! up to Nares point.— Please drop me a line and send me Names—and particulars as you promised.— I was at Point Edward—Lake Huron—on last Monday, tuesday, and on wednesday,— My left knee, my left Knee, and my Kidneys were all affected by the gale.—

With Kind regards to you Mrs Ramsay and all,—believe me! Yours fraternally,—

John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

John W. Ramsay Esq.
Ridgeway,—
Ont.

Private

Hamilton. Ont.
16. Feb: 1885.—

My dear Mac!—

Will you Kindly let me Know on receipt of this! who are fishing fish nets, under the Ice—at Port Colborne—in Lake Erie: and also down from your place in the Lake towards Point Abino.—

I intend coming down some day during the latter end of this week.—

Please answer at once!—

and oblige!—

Yours sincerely.—

John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.

C. Mackenzie Esq.
Hotel Kasper.—
Port Colborne.—
Ont.

Wednesday

Hamilton Scott.

16. Oct: 1852.

My dear Henry.-

What does it get at
Bridport - Write me word - or I am at
racecourse yet.-

Ellen promises to let me know
who is the guiding star - answer the
above - in left hand - between Edinr. Bridge
Penrith, near Bank Edinr: up to where
Penrith. - Please say no - but in
that no Phoebe - one particulars as
your promises. - I was at Bank Ho-
nour - Left Arthur in bed already, tho-
day, must be moderate; - all left here,
my left Arm, one of Thursday more all
affected by the pain. -

Heard Hunt regrets to give up Henry
me see. Robin me! yours particularly -

Affectionate
Christian Eleanor

Wednesday

Hamilton Scott.

16. Oct: 1852. -

My dear Mrs. -

Mrs Ogilvy Hamilton has me know
in reply to this note we guiding star
must be the Bat Belhaven in date
Penrith: after that your Ogilvy
in the Penrith Bridge -

Arthur coming down tomorrow
to Dalton and to this next. -

Yours ever affec. -

Christian Eleanor.

Mrs Ogilvy Hamilton -
Dalton Hooper -
Co Carlisle. -
Cumb.

"February" 5.--

1886.					
February 14th	Thomas Moore	1.	Fee Licenses	$	¢
-"-	Alex: Rolls	2.	-"-	1.	00.
-"-	J. B. Lutz	3.	-"-	1.	00.
-"-	John Dynes	4.	-"-	1.	00.
-"-	Thomas Landers	5.	For spearing	1.	00.
-"-	Thos: L. Stapleins	6.	licenses in Burs	1.	00.
-"-	William Lane	7.	lington Bay.	1.	00.
-"-	David Fitch	8.	from 22nd of	1.	00.
-"-	Richd Nicholson	9.	November 1884.	1.	00.
-"-	James Stobbs	10.	to the 15th	1.	00.
	Albert Smith	11.	day of April	1.	00.
	J. W. Stewart	12.	1885.	1.	00.
-"-	Thomas Herbert	13.	"	1.	00.
-"-	Nicholas Fraley	14.	"	1.	00.
-"-	George Tuckett	15.	"	1.	00.
-"-	Joseph Wade	16.	Lake Erie for 1885.	5.	00.
			Total	$ 20.	00 ¢

I know send you herewith Bank draft, No:- 340,- for $ 20,- dated Bank of Montreal, Hamilton. Feb: 14. 1885.-

I certify this account for $ 20.00 ¢ is correct.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa. Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
16th February 1885.

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton, Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
16. February 1885.---

Sir,-

I have the honor to send you Bank draft from Montreal Bank. Hamilton,- No: 340,- dated, February 5. 1885. for $ 20.-

Will you be pleased to apply the same as per return herewith.-- From 1. to 15. is for Spearing licenses in Burlington Bay! - delivered!!-

No: 16,- is for a License for Joseph Wade, of Ridgeway! For to fish 1,500. Yards of Herring gill nets,- and Sturgeon gill nets in Lake Erie, between Windmill point, and Point Abino- Township of Bertie: during this current year!-"

At the convenience of the department this license may be sent to me for delivery.- The intention is to fish at present under the Ice; and with a Boat, when the Ice goes away.-

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license to Joseph Wade,- and insert therein the protection clauses.- - - Amount paid. is $ 5.00.

I have the Honor to be,-

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant.-

John W. Kerr-

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa. Ont.

Hamilton. Ontario.

16. February 1885. —

Sir.

I Have to report. that Mr. John J. MacKenzie - told me: that it was the intention of The Hon. Mr. Fraser, a M. P. P. - and a Member of the Provincial Government. Gov to bring in a Fishery Act - and pass it, at the present Session - of the Provincial Assembly - now sitting! Toronto!

Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be. -

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. - Ont.

Memorandum! -

Hamilton. Ont. 16. Feb: 1885. - - -

Will you be pleased to refer to my letter of 22nd inst. - of January 1884. - Bank draft No. 254 - for the sum of $ 37.00 cts. and you will find No: 10. - Nicholas Leavitt. $ 20.00 cts.

James A. Webster Esq. C.E.
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa. Ont.

Yours respectfully. ——

John W. Kerr. - F. O. —

Hamilton Ont.o
16. February 1885. —

Sir. —

I attach herewith an application addressed to you by Mrs Arnold Hitchcock, Licensee of the Point Edward, Fisheries — situated at the mouth of River St Clair, Village, Point Edward, — Lake Huron which the Hitchcock family, have enjoyed the undisturbed privilage of fishing there, for more than 40. — years. —

This application was handed to me by Mr Marcus Hitchcock, in behalf and for his mother, — and by Mr Wm Stead of Port Sarnia; with the request that I would forward and submit the same to you, for consideration! — as in duty bound I told them I would do so. —

The deceased Samuel Hitchcock, many years ago! took Mr Abraham Sloccum Sr since deceased into partnership with him. — Personally — I have no interest in this case: beyond giving you all necessary facts — and information for the well being of this valuable fishery. —

With due respect. —
I have the Honor to be, —
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa. — Ont.o

Sarnia Ont: 10th Mch 1885. —

John Tilton Esqre
Deputy Minister — Fisheries, —
Ottawa! —

Sir. —

We respectfully apply for a renewal of Lease of Pt Edward Fishery for a term of years and we agree to pay for the same the sum of 500.— Five Hundred dollars — per annum. —

Your respectfully, —
Signed — Alex M. Strickland —
Wm Stead. — — —

Respectfully submitted for your consideration! —
Wm Smith D.O. —

Marine Office
12 Mch 1885.

Dept of Marine & Fisheries
Ottawa 12th March 1885.

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and to inform you that the matter will be submitted to Council for consideration.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
[illegible]
Secretary.

John Tilton Esq.
Deputy Minister of Fisheries,
Ottawa.

16 Mch 1885.

Private! — —

Memorandum, for S. P. Bennett Esqre
Fishery's department. —
Ottawa! —

Your Memorandums! — received in the Port Edward — Fisheries! —

So far as I am personally concerned I am pledged to none of the Pt. Edward people as regards a Lease for a term of years. —

They handed me the enclosed application for the deputy Minister — with a request to send it to him! — I will thank you to hand it to him now! — I send it! —

I neither compromised the department nor myself, in any thing I said or done! —

The last conversation — I had, just before I left the Alexander House — to walk across the street — to the Railway station — was with Mr. C. A. Clark — the defeated Conservative candidate — at last General Election — after Mr. Lister, the sitting M.P. — became in with Stead and young Hotchkiss, to see me on behalf of, and for Stead! altho' he differed from Stead, he said — in Politics — Stead is a Reformer, — There was something more said, and I replied wait until you get it first. — I said I would report the case as I have done! — I have never in all my life refused money, — when offered to me as License fees — for the department, — I shall say something about M. Sharp — the Butcher — and H. J. Slocum — applicants — for the Fisheries at Pt. Edward! — Sharp — does not want it himself — but H. J. Slocum on receiving $[illegible] from Stead — and to all appearance as me, was satisfied, — Mr. C. A. Clark — informed me turned them round, because Stead — refused to give him a portion of the grounds to fish on — and said I will raise the rents on you! after which Sharp and H. J. Slocum — put in their application offering $ 1000. a year for the grounds spite work! — I never tolerate spite work. — I hold the receipts from

1.

H. J. Slocum. for $900.- and upwards— Stead paid to him; so as to finish up an amicable arrangement in this business.— I will make out copies. to night, and send them to you, for the Deputy. —

I dont want to see my friends at Head quarters lead astray.— For my part I am at Home — in this Point Edward — Fishery case! as some of my old Political friends - are still living in Sarnia, and have posted me fair, and square on the subject. —

Yours regarding Capt McBride of St Thomas,- did not reach me in time to day — to start for St Thomas,— I will start for there at 10.45. a.m. tomorrow. if weather and Steamboat roads permit. —

and I will remit a draft of $34 supposed. to be sent with said report.

years - standing to straighten up the Fishery affairs and returns. —

I may tell you - that old Mrs Alex M. Hitchcock. and Wm Stead. would double this Tender — sooner. than H. J. Slocum - should get Point Edward Fisheries, —

"Fair play is Bonnie play." —

I am painfully conscious - in the retrie of my proceedings for a portion of 3 days - including one whole day - that I have acted very discreetly for the best interest of the Fisheries — And I never in such cases hold back any under current! als I know! you know! —

When I forward copies of receipts,— I will ask the deputy for instructions? If I were to send back the drafts. to Mess Hitchcock and Stead — the way you Point out - I might compromise you. for according to my report the drafts. for $500. are as ever! I do know — I.O. —

M.J. Thomas. Esqr. Appointed Ensign in the room of Thomas Pilsbury Esqr. resigned.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas be admitted to the Degree of Ensign.

Mr. Thomas was accordingly admitted to the Degree of Ensign.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned to the Court House in Charlestown on the first Monday in December next at 10 o'Clock A.M.

Attest

Jno. Tufts Clerk.

At a Court of Sessions held at Charlestown within and for the County of Middlesex on the first Monday in December A.D. 1775 by Adjournment.

Present

The Honble. Thomas Oliver Esqr. Chief Justice

Timothy Paine
Jonathan Danforth
Samuel Phillips
Joseph Hawley
Benjamin Lincoln
Nathaniel Barrett
Thomas Russell
Esqrs. Justices

Ordered that Mr. Sheriff Phillips do not execute any Writs or Precepts issued by the Justices of the Peace for this County, or any Warrants issued by any Justice of the Peace for this County, or any Writs or Precepts issued by any Justice of the Peace for this County, or any Warrants issued by any Justice of the Peace for this County, until further Order of this Court.

Hamilton, Ont.,
16. February 1885.---

Sir.-

With reference to my report on the Port Edward Fisheries, forwarded to you on the 12th instant, and my report of this day, - in which I forwarded an application from Messrs Otis Hitchcock, and Wm Stead - of Sarnia - dated the 10th instant, addressed to you offering $500. per annum, for the fishery - this being an advance of $200. per year, over the annual license fee of $300. previously paid. - I consider this amount of $500.- per annum fair and equitable between the person applying and the Fisheries department. -

And it was on these grounds, I submitted the same for your consideration. - -

To adopt or reject my report, and recommendation as regards the application for to give $500 a year I will not reflect in any manner on me! nor yet on you! by the applicants.—

They simply told me what they wanted, and in duty bound I have laid it fair and square before you. -

Having read over carefully copies of the correspondence you sent me! thus! — First.

1. John A. MacKenzies letter - To Major Tilton, dated, Ottawa, Oct. 9. 1884. -

2. D. McMaster's Cheque - dated, Sarnia Oct. 5th /84! - to Hon. the D. W. McLellan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. -

3. - The Assignment of Mrs Lavina Slocum, of Port Edwards fisheries to William Stead of Sarnia. - dated 4th October 1884. -

4. - Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, - 1.
Ottawa. Ont.

4. The letter of John Tilton, deputy Minister of Fisheries - to Mr Wm Stead, Sarnia, Ont. - dated, Ottawa, 9th Oct. 1884. -

5. - M. Sharp, and St. J. Slocum letter, dated Sarnia, Dec: 26. 1884. - To, The Hon: Minister of Marine. - Applying for Pt Edward - Fisheries, -

6. And Michael Sharp, and James Slocum's letter dated, Sarnia, January 8th 1885. - with O. S. thereto signed. - St. J. Slocum. - To, The Hon. The Minister of Marine. - -

7. And D. McMasters, long letter, dated Sarnia, January, 14. 1885. addressed to The deputy Minister department of Fisheries, - Ottawa, -

8. - And Wm Steads - letter, dated, Sarnia 19th January 1885. - To, The Hon: A. W. McLellan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. - Ottawa. Ont,

9. Memorandum initialed S. P. B, -

Together with my letter of instructions from you, dated, Department of Fisheries, - Ottawa, - 30th January 1885. - -

I was fully convinced that there must have been double dealing some where! on carefully reading over all the foregoing letters I have quoted: -

In Mr Bansets - Memorandum I find these words! - "The McMaster carefully avoids touching "upon the real points at issue". - -

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I may here report, that St. J. Slocum, and James Slocum, - is one and the same person, as an applicant - for the Point Edward fisheries - - - - - with Mr Michael Sharp, a wealthy Butcher, resident at Point Edward. -

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You will please find in my hand writing two pages - the copies of a Final settlement, from H. J. Slocum to Mrs Lavina Slocum, and Wm Stead for the consideration of $400. - - Nos 8. and 9. -

By the copies of these documents, - H. J. Slocum, received $967.89. - Of this amount - Wm Stead, the Rancher - from - near Calgary, - Manitoba - who sold out his Ranche there, - and returned to Sarnia, (Rich and wealthy,) where he was bred and born, and he paid $817.89¢ of the above amount, to, H. J. Slocum, - because as he told me, he loves peace and quietness! Mrs Lavina Slocum, only paid the balance to H. J. Slocum $150. -

And everything was apparently amicably settled. - - By the dates of the documents I send you on, Nos 8. and 9, - which Mr Wm Stead, has requested to lay before you, you will see when this settlement was finally made. -

Immediately after this H. J. Slocum applied to Wm Stead, for the lower Island of Point Edward, Fisheries, - Stead informed him, he intended to fish it himself. - H. J. Slocum - then asked him for the upper Island, - Stead replied to him in a similar way. - H. J. Slocum - then made threats, and told him - he would bid against him for the Fisheries at Point Edward, and raise the Annual rent of the same on him. - The foregoing is the sum and substance of the case and appears to me to require cool, careful consideration. -

I hold in my possession the drafts - for $500, - as I omitted to place them in my report of the 12th inst. - Please instruct me what I shall do with them. -

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, -
Your Obedient Servant. -
John W. Kerr - F.O. -

The G. T. Ry 64 Acres $16. a year, ground rent from Pt Edward Fishermen. J.W.K. F.O.

No 8.

Copy.-

Sarnia, 16th October 1884.-

In consideration of the sum of Four Hundred dollars,- now paid me by Mrs Lavina Slocumn, I,- agree to give up possession of her Fishery to William Stead Esqr from the 4th October 1884.-

Witness,- "Signed",-

Signed! A. C. Clark.-- St. J. Slocumn,-

Mr Clark,-

The witness to this receipt, came in to The Alexandra House, Sarnia, about 11.45. a. m., on the 11th of February, instant,- Messrs Wm Stead, and Marcus Hitchcock - was with him! - Mr Clark, was introduced to me, and I felt honoured! -

It is this Mr Clark, I alluded to, in my report of the 12th instant, and who settled every thing amicably between Mrs Lavina Slocumn, and William Stead, and between Mrs Lavina Slocumn and St. J. Slocumn, and between St. J. Slocumn and William Stead. -

Chic Inf.- Wm Stead! - 250.- St. J. Slocumn, 150.- Total $ 400.-

Of the $400,- paid as above,- William Stead, paid $250,- and Mrs Lavina Slocumn, at the solicitation of Mr A. C. Clark, for a wise purpose - paid $150;- Total $400. - Every thing was by this payment of $400. finally arranged, as regards all and every claim St. J. Slocumn - might have, or pretend to have on the Point Edward Fisheries, - fishing it, as St. J. Slocumn, - was, - then on shares - during the year 1884, share and share alike! - Of all the profits, - after License fee, - and all expenses connected with the Fisheries - was paid. - - -

Mr A. C. Clark, will corroborate all I say. --

Correct. John W. Kerr. -

Hamilton, Ont^o^. Fishery Overseer.

16. Feb: 1885. -

No 9.—

Copy.—

$224.$\frac{11}{100}$ ct.

Sarnia,- October 20. 1884.-

Received from Wm Stead,- Two Hundred and twenty four dollars, and $\frac{11}{100}$ ct.,- For sale of my plant in Point Edward fisheries,- such as Nets,- Boats,- Dishes,- Fixtures. &c. &c.

Paid by.— 7 ct
Wm Stead 224.11.

Signed,-

St. J. Slocum!—

Copy.-

Banking House of M. Fleming!-

Sarnia, Ont. 20. Oct. 1884.—

M. Fleming, Banker,

Pay to St. J. Slocum — or Order.-

Forty dollars, in full of all demands to date.— — —

$40.00 ct.- Signed,- Wm Stead.— — —

His cheque is endorsed!—

St. J. Slocum!——

Paid by— $ ct.
Wm Stead, - 40.00.

Copy.-

$293.$\frac{78}{100}$.

Flemings Bank.—

Sarnia, October 16,- 1884.

Pay to J. St. Slocum,- or bearer,

Two Hundred and Ninety three $\frac{78}{100}$: dollars,—

M. Fleming

Banker, Broker, &c.

Signed.

Wm Stead.—

This cheque is endorsed by.—

St. J. Slocum.—

Paid by.—
Wm Stead. 293.78.
Brought on 250.00
Total $817.89 ct

Paid by.—
Wm Stead. to
St. J. Slocum!-

Certify that I copied the above correctly.—
from the originals!—

Hamilton, Ont.,
16. Feb: 1885.—

J. Phil Vankoughnet.—
Fishery Overseer.—

Hamilton, Ont.—
19. February 1885.—

Sir.—

In obedience to your instructions, I proceeded to St. Thomas, where I found Capt. Alexander McBride, in the Hutchinson House, of which he is Owner, and occupant.—

Having read your instructions to me, Capt. Captain Alexander McBride, in his capacity as Fishery Overseer,— for the County of Elgin, we proceeded to work, and I signed for him his annual return of Fish Sales, for year ending 31st of December 1884.— Amounting to $15.118,— which he signed. It is certified by me correct; you will please find it herewith, mark No: 1.—

I also obtained from Captain Alexander McBride the names of Thirteen Fishermen,— who paid License Fees.— for year 1884. amounting to $1.010.—

Of this amount, he handed me a cheque, dated.

Detroit, Mich.— Feb: 11th— 1885.—

Roberts,— Austin & Co.—

Bankers.—

Pay to Capt. Alex, McBride, or Order,—

One Hundred, and Sixty dollars,—

For Fishing Licence at Eagle.—

$160.00/100. C. W. Gauthier.

The balance, $850,— he will send you, within two weeks.— The fact is, he was hard up for money; and he used the $850.— But I believe he is honest, and will pay as promised.—

The return No: 2. herewith, signed Alex McBride, and certified by me, Correct,— agrees with the names

S. O. Barnet Esqre
Fisheries Department,—
Ottawa, Ont.—

1/3

of the Thirteen fishermen, set forth in return No: 1. — —

Thus: —

			£.	₰.
1. Eagle,	C. W. Gauthier. —	4. Pound nets —	160.	00.
2. Port Stanley,	M. Payne. —	8. Pound nets.	320.	00.
3.	do. John Ellison. —	6. Pound nets. —	240.	00.
3½ New Glasgow,	Robert Mumberson —	2. Pounds nets;	80.	00.
4. Tyrconnell,	John Elliot Jr. —	1. Pound net.	40.	00.
4½ New Glasgow,	James Braddon. —	2. Pound nets.	80.	00.
5.	do.			
6. Port Bruce,	S. Young & Son. —	2, Pound nets.	80.	00. + 120
7. Port Burwell,	do. William Brown. —	3 do do 1. Pound net.	120.	00.
			40.	00.
8. Port Stanley,	Francis Arnold. —	2 Seines. —	10.	00.
9. Port Talbot,	Philip Stacey. —	2. Seines. —	6.	00.
10. Port Burwell,	William Elliot	1. Seine. —	8.	00.
11. Kettle Creek,	Campbell & Co. —	1. Seine. —	8.	00.
12, Port Bruce,	E. Swale. —	1. Seine. —	5.	00.
13. William Mower,	Pt Bruce,	1. Seine. —	4	00.
		Total.	£1880.	00. = $1201.
				160
	Deduct paid by Gauthier.		160.	00. = $1041.
	Balance still due. —		£. 850.	00

All of which is respectfully submitted. —

John. W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer.

P.S. — You will please give the £160. — on the communication herewith. —

J. W. Kerr.

F. O. —

I have done the very best I could for you! — in this business — J. W. Kerr. — F. O.

Private.

Memorandum for S. O. Bennet Esq.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa!—

I have endeavoured to do this matter for you quickly.- privately. & satisfactorily.—

We sat down together, and Capt. McPride, and I, made out the annual statistics for year 1884... He had it in ship shape - but was delayed! — waiting returns from a Mr Reeves, of Wunder. One of G. W. Gauthiers, men... The annual return being made out by me, he signed it, and I then made for him a copy of it.. which I certified, and left with him.. The original No: 1. is now sent you! —

I then, having already the names of all the Fishermen, in Capt McPrides division, on return No: 1. — —

1.

I was in a position.- to make out return, No: 2. this I done at once - had him sign it, and having compared it with his Book,- I certified the return No: 2.- and I made a copy of it. for Captain McPride, which I left with him. - -

By return No: 1.- you have his Statistics for year 1884.—

And by return No: 2. you are informed, that Captain McPride collected $1010.- for license fees,- from the Fishermen of his division of which he handed me G. W. Gauthiers cheque for $160.- set forth - in my official report, and returns of Collections. —

Capt. McPride, still owes the department $850.- license fees - for 1884, which he collected from the Fishermen, as I have officially explained to you. —

Hamilton, Ont. Yours. &c.
19. Oct: 1885. J. W. Kerr - Esq. -

Memorandum for A.G. Bennet Esq.
Statistics department.

Dear Sir,—

I have endeavoured to do this matter for you quickly: I omitted particulars:—

We cut more together one sheet. Statistics. cut I made out the annual statistics for year 1884.— We have it in slip shape - but was doubtful:— omitting returns from — the Queen.— of Illusion — Eve of St. Dunstan's:— men.— The annual return being made out by me. To signal it out I the more for him to sign it.— which I certify. cut slip sheet.— The original sh: 1. is now sent you:— I the Lord already the census of the Statistics, in sheet Illusion:— return sh: 1.— —

home in a position. to make out return. sh: 2. this I done at once - how this sign it must having compared it with his sheet:. certifying the return sh: 2.- must I make a copy of it for despatch the original which I left with him. — —

Ref return sh: 1.- you have the statistics for year 1884.—

Dear Ref return sh: 2. you are informed, that Captain Illusion collector 1000.- for Income Tax.- from the Chairman of the division of which he chairs me & St. Dunstan's shape of 1880.- but yet.- no official report was returns of collection. —

Capt. Illusion. this was the department 1880.- Income Tax.- for 1884. which to collector from the Finance as I have officially explains it you.— Illusion. Esqr. &. Chairman. &c. &c. &c.

February 5th—

1865.			£	s.	d.	
Chas. 17.	Ch. of Judiciary...	Clerk for Chas.				
...	...	Clerk at Hyde Lk. Lds.	180.	00.		2 more clerks for Assembly
18.	Chas. Lehrington	Opening Lines	1.	00.		Rank unsafe
—	Thos. Hanley.	Arlington Hy.	1.	00.		No: 353 — for
—	L. B. Shipe.	Opening Lines	1.	00.		$167.— settled
—	Jos. Hollerand.	Arlington	1.	00.		Rank of Hanley
—	Jorge Rank.	Hy. Arlington	1.	00.		Hamilton, Chas.
—	Walter Shank.	do.	1.	00.		17. 1865.
—	Arthur Hanley.	do.	1.	00		

Chas. $167.00

L. B. Sheriff Supt.
Victoria Department —
Office, &c.

Correct. —
Jos. Hollerand —
Chief Engineer —
Hamilton, Ont.
17. Feb. 1865. —

Hamilton. Ont.
19. February 1865. —

Sir —

I send you this reg. Bank draft, No: 352, for $167. —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as you before directed! — Resp.ly.

1. C. W. Gunther. - Sandwich! $2 — Rec.d to Jul. Your Cheque note - in Lake Erie. at Eagle - County of Essex. - during year 1864! Money now scarce, and Bank amount is. — $160.00

2. Thos. Pelham. Sandwich. — $2 — Rec.d to Spec. Rec. and Ck. - in Aylmers Reg. Check, up to the 31st March 1865. — amount $1.00

3. Francis Hurley. — do. do. " 1.00

4. S. B. Shipe. Amherstburg — $2 — Rec.d to specie Rec. Ck. and Stamp - in Burlington Bay. from 22d November 1864. - to the 15th April 1865. — the amount is only. — $1.00

5. John Hollcraft. - Hamilton, - do. do. - 1.00

6. George Burt. - Burlington. do. do. - 1.00

7. [illegible] Gleet. - Saltfleet. - do. do. - 1.00

8. Archer Bates. do. — do. - do. - 1.00

Total. $167.00

I have the Honor to be, —
Sir —
Your Obedient Servant.
D. Lizars —
Inland Revenue

S. B. Burnett Esq.re
Inland Revenue Department.
Ottawa. Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
19. Feb: 1885.—

My dear Hallowell,—

I send you 2. Spearing Licenses — please countersign and deliver. I received the Money today, and I sent it to The Fisheries department, Ottawa. — Of course as you say — and I know Thos: Etherington is a Notorious Poacher! but that alone would not justify you, nor I, — in withholding a legal Spearing License from him! —

Giving him a license will throw him off his guard! hence we may catch him breaking the law! —

I was glad to hear you got your incidental a/cts. including the $40. for looking after Duffins Creek! — Salmon! —

I have been to Toronto, and St Thomas, within 18 days, on duty. —

With Kindest regards — Yours truly. —

Wm Hallowell Esqre III J. W. Kerr — F. Cunnea.

2. Spearing Licenses! — [illegible]

Hallowell House Toronto
20. Feb: 1885.

Wm Hallowell Esqre
Secretary Commissioners
Fish Breeding Establishment
Clifton

Hamilton. Ont.
19. Dec: 1885.—

Sir.—

In conclusion. I may report. in obedience to Circular from department of Fisheries. dated Ottawa. 1st October 1884.— On the following points,—

First.— The catch of fish. Overseer. Alexander McBride! of the County of Legis! informed me was on the increase in his division of Lake Erie!—during the past year of 1884.

Second.— Overseer. Alexander McBride. reported to me, there are no closes in his division.:—

Third.— Overseer, Alexander McBride. reported to me. that the Close seasons have been observed.—

Fourth.— There are no Fishways in his division.

Fifth.— It is all in return. sent you herewith.—

Sixth.— Has been complied with. per return.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
D. Gillmore.—
Fishery Overseer.

S. Wilmot Esq.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa! Ont.—

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Hamilton, Ont.
20. Feb: 1885. —

My dear Sharp, —

It appears Messrs Ab^m Horner, and Ft. Lewis Piper! have applied through Emerson W. A. McCrae for a license to fish 3 Pounds in Lake Erie, in front of the townships of South Cayuga, and Dunn. — McCrae, sent application to Ottawa, — The department sent back application to me to report upon it. —

I am going to Dunnville on next tuesday — to meet the applicants, they want too much territory, dont you think so. —

I had a letter from Messrs Schomacher on yesterday, applying for the nine fishing ground at Nanticoke, occupied by Overholt, he says in his letter! that Overholt, does not

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Britist Licens for fishing! sign and deliver! —

William Hall Esqre
Fishery Overseer. —
Nanticoke Creek.

Sir Knight.

Nanticoke on the
23. Feb: 1885. —
Lieut. Knight. — F.O.

fish the ground at all. —

He states it is near his place, and he would like to get it. — He sent me also of 5. license for the ground. Can you let him have it. —

Will you give Frank Jackson, a License for to fish 4. Pounds, in Lake Erie, — near the town line between Houghton, and Rayham. —

I was at St Thomas on yesterday, — by order of the Fisheries Department. There were 24 Pounds, — fished in Lake Erie, in front of the County of Elgin! — but next year! the number will be increased then this year! Better let F. Jackson have a license to fish 4 pounds, some place in front of Houghton! Keep out strangers!

I suppose you heard Turkey point Mersh. people — have applied for an Act of Parliament, to form a joint Stock Company — and for to enable

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them to issue licenses for fishing — and to enable them to take in land covered with water; out as far as their fish bar! — in short to take in Navigable waters, &c. &c. —

I got a copy of the Act, and I sent it to Mr Bennet, — he asked me to [illegible] for him. —

Some after, I saw you last. I got a bad fall, and hurted my left arm. — I hope you are getting on well, & that your leg is improving.

With kind regards, —

Yours Sincerely. —

J.W. Kerr. —

D. Sharp Esq[re] Fishery Overseer.

Fishery Overseer.

Port Dyeres Oct[r] 8 [illegible] I expect some changes will be made this year / I will be on look out for you! &, I did you get your incidental offer. — 3 yrs.

please answer! — (I am out) J.W. Kerr &c.

Private!

If you say yes to Solomon's application, I will send money to department, — and ask that license be sent to you, to countersign and deliver! — Solomon's application is the only one I received since I saw you except Mark Jackson, for the Thames. —

Am the Girl sought with the 24. Pound rods — in Lake Erie. County of Elgin, but you was all clipped to Buffalo! — I made out the a/c for Overseer Capt. Alexander McBride for Thames, and I sent it to the department on yesterday. — This letter is also private and confidential. —

Yr J.W. Kerr &c.

Hamilton, Ont.
20. February 1885.

Sir. —

In continuation of my report to you, on the Point Edward Fisheries, of the 12th instant, — I find on examining my notes; That I omitted to state to you: that the late deceased Samuel Hitchcock — as I was told, — paid $500. to a Diver, for taking out and clearing the Point Edward Fishery of a sunken wrecked vessel, that damaged the grounds, and prevented Seine Fishing. —

Now as regards No: 2, of your instructions to me, of the 31st of January last. thus!

"How much have they received every "year, on account, over and above the annual rent." —

In reply, — One way to come at it, is this! — Say! — Mrs Ann M. Hitchcock's, Yearly annuity, from the Fishery, — paid regularly by her son Marcus, — $100.00

3,000. Debts and Liabilities, paid off in full, from the Fishery, by Marcus, for his deceased father, during past 14 years! say at per year! 214.28

Per Year, for 14 years. ----- Total. $ 314.28

Besides this amount, there was $150. annual license fee, and his own maintenance and support of wife and family. —

314.4
150.
464.4

Say about $468.

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I Have the Honor to be,
Sir, —
Your Obedient Servant,
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa, — Ont.

Private.

Memorandum. for D. O. Ranset Esqre
Fisheries department. -
Ottawa! —

I sent you a final report on the Port Edward Fisheries. - Please hand it to the Deputy Minister. &c. &c. &c.

I heard at London, on Wednesday last, on my way home, - That Mr. Wm Steed, of Port Sarnia - had come down from Sarnia, on the previous day - Tuesday. and gone on to Ottawa. —

So that his story may be now before the Hon: Minister, and the Deputy Minister. - - -

I send back the draft - for $500, to Messrs^rs^ Strickland and Steed, - Sarnia! — as you ordered! -

Now that you got him to draw your breath! you can form your own mind on Capt. McBride, being

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hard up, and the times hard! he used up the $50, just only for the time being! — but he is sure to pay it back again. —

He had 24 pounds - fishing in his division last year! he will have more than that, this year! — I believe Reeves, — Gauthier man fished some Pounds - last fall. to Mr^r^ Bride himself told me: and it was waiting to hear from Reeves — that delayed him sending in his returns, &c. It would do no harm, for to Order me one his division! - and so ascertain how many Pounds - Reeves fished! —

Mr^r^ Bride told me, Reeves - was a Book Keeper - for C. W. Gauthier — who is a great favourite with the Fisheries department, Ottawa. - - -

I intend to see this! for I heard a similar story of C. W. Gauthier at Sarnia

I guess Lemay must be reminded to see Mr^r^ Hon. &c. and Messrs^rs^ A. Stone

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Bay, about fishing 3 Rounds in Lake Sick, in front of the townships of South Gwynne and Dunn, sent to me by department, to report upon! —

When I get done these, I will go on over my own division to Fort Erie, and collect Licence fees. —

My cold trip to Sarnia and St. Thomas has done me no harm, I am getting all right with my own agency. —

When paying my Bill to Mr. Pride, he was so pleased with me, that he said, if you had come on your own affr, I would charge you nothing! —

I would like to get this quarters pay about the 3rd of March next, will you Kitty manage it for me. ——

No more! Yours respectfully. —— Hamilton. Collr. in Charge. H.W. Keefer. P.S.

P.S. — Is there any thing should be said in the House! if so let me know what I must say in reply today. H.W. Keefer. Esq

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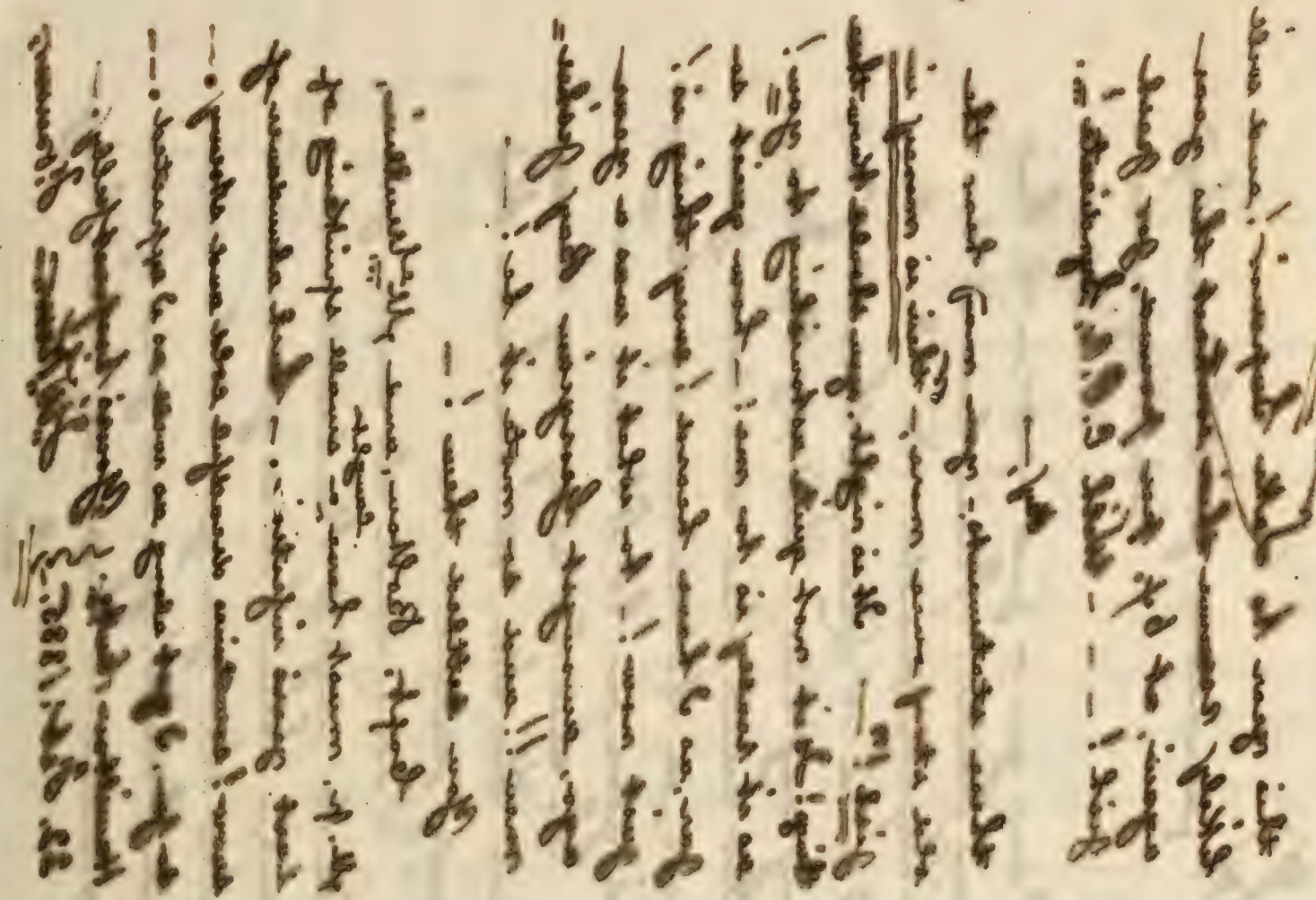
this year to Lake Superior! and will likely remain there until this year again, at 6 p.m. for Quebec, for fresh fish! — — — Well C.P.R. Syndicate!!.

My, —

these statements. you may hear the old story once more, — "This is money in fish!" — It is right. you should know the thing! Is it not quite astonishing to you! as it really is to me! — how quiet so far, as I have heard! every thing is! just now! — to what it was a year ago, amongst Georgian Bay fishermen!! and so mote it be! —

You settled them! —

Capt. Bolton, and Mr. Hamilton, M.P. for, must have caught a small sprinkling of last years injuries. — Such abundance of snow! sometimes dreadful cold and strong. — so far, I get along as well as I expected. — Hamilton Collr. Yours respectfully. — 22. Feb. 1885. H.W. Keefer. P. Master.



Hamilton, Ont.—
21st February 1885.—

Gentlemen!

I am instructed for the present, to return to you Bank-drafts handed to me by you for $500,— for to apply as licence fee, on Point Edward, Fishery,— for current year 1885. Thus!—

				$. ¢
Bank draft.	No.	297.— for,	—	150.00.—
do.—	do.—	"	292.— for.—	150.00.—
do.—	do.—	"	293.— for.—	100.00.—
do.—	do.—	"	294.— for.	100.00¢
			Total.	$500.00¢

In reporting your case to the Fisheries department, I laid all the facts of the Point Edward Fisheries before the Minister.—

I also return to you the receipts — "Four" — for money paid Messrs Magnus Gotzbrock, and Wm Stead! Sarnia. Ont.

by you to St. J. Slocum!—
I may here tell you, that I laid copies of these receipts — before the Minister, with my remarks thereon!—
They are!—

No.	1.	St. J. Slocum, for	$400.00¢
-"-	2,	St. J. Slocum. -"- -"-	293.72,—
-"-	3.	St. J. Slocum. -"- -"-	40.00¢
-"-	4.	St. J. Slocum. -"- -"-	224.11¢
		Total,	$957.83¢

I laid your explanation to me of all the facts — connected with Point Edward — Fisheries! ~~which~~ I have as faithfully given to The deputy Minister, — for The Honble Minister of Fisheries, — as I received them from you!
Please acknowledge receipt. ——
I heard at London on last Wednesday, from Conductor of Sarnia Train — that Mr. Wm Stead, — was away to Ottawa
Believe me! Yours sincerely.——
J. W. Kerr — P.O.—

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J. W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Overseer! — February 10th 1885. —

Dear Sir

Statement of fish received and sold during the year ending December 31st 1884. —

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195. Tons of Salmon Trout, at $100. per Ton, = $. 19.500.—
125. Tons of White fish, at $128. per Ton. — " 16.000.—
50. Tons of Pickerel, at $80. per ton. — " 4.000.—
6. Tons of Pike, at $80. per ton. " 480.—
10. Tons of Sturgeon, at $60. per ton. — " 600.—
30. Tons of Herrings, and Ciscos. at $25 per. — " 750.—
4. Ton of Suckers, and Mullets, at $30. per. — " 120.—
1.000. Pounds of Bass, at 6 ct. per pound. — " 60.—
420½ Tons of Lake fish, value. — Total $41.510.00

This does not include above 250. Tons of Trout, and White fish! shipped direct from Collingwood, to our Houses in Buffalo.

Continued! 1885. Salt Water fish received and sold, — do! —

		$.
450. Barrels, Sea Herrings: say 400 in each Bar: at $1.— per 100.—		1.800.
200. Barrels of Tommy Cods, at $2. per! —		400.—
20.000. lbs. of Cod fish, at 6 ct. per! —		1,200.—
40.000. lbs of Haddock, at 5 ct. per! —		2.000.—
2.000. lbs of Salmon, at 18 ct. per! —		360.—
5.000. lbs of Finnan Haddies, at 6 ct. per! —		300.—
Total salt water fish. —		$ 6060.—

Yours Respectfully. —
Signed! Port, Clarke, & Robbins.

Summary! —

420½ Tons. Lake fish, — $ 41.510,—
250. Tons. ½ of Trout, & ½ of White fish! sent to Buffalo! — 28.500.—
Salt water fish! — 6.060.—

Hamilton, Ont.
22. Feb: 1885.

Correct. — J. W. Kerr. F.O. — Total $ 76.070.—

Note! I transmit this for your guidance; J. W. Kerr — J.O.
Bonus! —

Memorandum! for S. P. Bancroft Esqre
Fisheries department.-
Ottawa!- Ont.-

I send herewith- for your information
a return I got recently from Mr. D.
W. Port- of Toronto!- And a member of
the Firm of D. W. Port,- - Toronto.-
-"- } Alex: Clarke.- Collingwood.
-"- } F. Robbins.- Buffals!-
$76.060- dollears!-
$70.010. of which are Lake fish!-
principally caught in Georgian Bay!-
together
with $6.060,- fish- received from the
Sea!-

If you only reflect for a moment
over this statement to me from Mr. Port. it
proves to me: what I have always main=
tained! That the Fishery Officers on
Lakes Huron,- Superior, and Georgian

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Bay.- do not give full returns of the
fish caught up in these waters.---
The Gauley- Brothers,- Fishermen,- at
Collingwood,- who fished in Lake Su=
perior. 25 miles above Red Rock, post
office. last year! sold their fish- nearly all
fresh to the Syndicate,- Pacific Canadian
Railway! for the workmen- labouring
on their Road, at 6 c. per pound.-
Mr. James Dickson.- Prince Arthur's
Landing.- is the Canadian!-....
I heard it whispered around, that
all the fishermen! who fished up there,
last year did not pay license fee for 1884.
The Gauley's, and Woolland- sold out
their Boats,- and Nets,- to people in
Port Arthur!! Woolland- is getting a
new Boat, and Nets,- and will fish
this year in Lake Ontario, off Port Credit.
The Gauley's, with 8 or 10.- new Boats,-
and new Gillernets go back again

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List of Persons, who have paid Ten dollar each; for the privilege of Spearing Herring. Bass. Pike. &c. in Burlington Bay, and Dundas Marsh:— between the 22nd of November 1884: and the 15th April 1885.—

No:	Names....	Spearing.	Amount.—	
			$.—	¢.—
1.	Donald Reid.	Spearing. do. do.—	1.	00.—
2.	Wm. Hy. Waterbury.—	" " "	1.	00.—
3.	Henry Waterbury.—	" " "	1.	00.—
4.	William Waterbury.—	" " "	1.	00.—
5.	Gabriel Hopkins.—	" " "	1.	00.—
6.	Klock,—	" " "	1.	00.—
7.	William Bates,— per Louis	" " "	1.	00.—
8.	Frederick Ware,—	" " "	1.	00.—
9.	George Baker,—	" " "	1.	00.—
10.	Thomas Jones.—	" " "	1.	00.—
11.	Alfred Harris,—	" " "	1.	00.—
12.	[illegible] Zaaffe.—	" " "	1.	00.—
13.	[illegible] Peters.—	" " "	1.	00.—
14.	[illegible]	" "	1.	00.—
15.	Thomas [illegible]		1	00.—
16.	D. V. Spencer,—	"	1	
17.	Edwin Hill,—	" " "	1	
18.	David Watson.—	" " "	1.	
19.	George Smith,—	" " "	1.	00.—
20.	James Smith.—	" " "	1.	00.—
21.	James Jamieson,—	" " "	1.	00.—
22.	George White. now! Wm. Dean!	" " "	1.	00.—
23.	James Pett.—	" " "	1.	00.—
24.	Ramsay Wells.—	" " "	1.	00.—
25.	Francis D. Torrance,—	" " "	1.	00

Carried Forward...

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			£.	s.
	Carried Forward. - -		25.	00.-
26.	Edward Frank. -	Sparing £5. B.-	1.	00.-
27.	Brock Lyons. -	" " "	1.	00.-
28.	Albert Lyons. -	" " "	1.	00.-
29.	Samuel Mitchelly. -	" " "	1.	00.-
30.	John D. Baker. -	" " "	1.	00.-
31.	Andrew Adams. -	" " "	1.	00.-
32.	Abraham Baker. -	" " "	1.	00.-
33.	Samuel Missner. -	" " "	1.	00.-
34.	Charles Smith. -	" " "	1.	00.-
35.	Barney Rouel. -	" " "	1.	00.-
36.	Henry Boden. -	" " "	1.	00.-
37.	James B. Smith. -	" " "	1.	00.-
38.	William Curtiss. -	" " "	1.	00.-
39.	Thomas Dreever. -	" " "	1.	00.-
40.	Jerry Hudson. -	" " "	1.	00.-
41.	Robert McEbroy. -	" " "	1.	00.-
42.	Thomas Peckham. -	" " "	1.	00.-
43.	David Corey. -	" " "	1.	00.-
44.	George Hale. -	" " "	1.	00.-
45.	Thomas Moore. -	" " "	1.	00.-
46.	Alexander Rollo. -	" " "	1.	00.-
47.	J. B. Lutz. -	" " "	1.	00.-
48.	John Dynes. -	" " "	1.	00.-
49.	Thomas Landers. -	" " "	1.	00.-
50.	Thomas L. Stephens. -	" " "	1.	00.-
51.	William Lane. -	" " "	1.	00.-
52.	David Fitch. -	" " "	1.	00.-
53.	Richd. Nicholson. -	" " "	1.	00.-
54.	James Stobbs. -	" " "	1.	00.-
55.	Albert Smith. -	" " "	1.	00.
56.	J. W. Hawkins. -	" " "	1	00.
57.	Thomas Herbert. -	" " "	1.	00.
58.	Nicholas Braley. -	" " "	1.	00.
59.	George Tucker. -	" " "	1.	00.
	The total amount sent Deputy Minister up to 16. Feb: 1885.		£. 59.	00.

Hamilton, Ont. 16. Feb: 1885.

correct. - J. W. Kerr. - - J. Jones. -

Hamilton, Ont.-

28.-February/1885.---

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No:382. dated this day, for the sum of Forty five dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, for this current year, as licence fees: and as per printed return herewith: and I recommend that you will be pleased to issue licences for the same as follows:--

1.-Robert Gillis,- Port Colborne.- "For a Boat licence to "fish 600. yards of Herring gill nets, 3" inches mesh, ex= "tension measure, in Lake Erie; in front of the Town of "Port Colborne: and to extend from the beach outwards "for a distance of Five miles: amount is:"- - $5.00.

2. David B. Knisely.- Stumberstown: "For a Boat licence "to fish 600. yards, of 3" inch mesh - Herring gill nets,- in "Lake Erie in front of Lots Nos 18. and 19.- Broken front "Concession of said Township, and to extend from the "beach outwards - in front of same: for a distance of "Five miles:" amount is.- $6.00.

3. Messrs Albert Sovos, and William Meadows,- of "Youngstown:"- "For a Boat licence to fish 600. yards, "of 3" inch mesh, extension measure, in Lake Erie, between "Point Abino and Wind mill point: township of Bertie: "and extend outwards within the grain points for a dis= "tance of Four miles:"- amount is,- $5.00.

4. C.A. Harris, and Mrs Harris,- "Fort Erie- "For a Seine hauling licence, to fish in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie:- "To be the same as last year except the licence fee: which is to be $20.- for 1885."- "because of an outlay of money paid for getting logs of the Seining grounds,"- the amount sent on apt now: is $10.00.

5. John M. Alford, Niagara:- "For a licence to fish a "250 yard seine, and 400 yards 3" inch mesh, Herring gill "nets in Lake Ontario - in front of Messrs Whitmore and Dr "Stevensons farm: township of Niagara:" amount is $5.00.

Carried on:- $31.00.

The deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa.- Ont.

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Brought up! — $31.00 —

S. A. Schumacher. Normandale: For a Boat license
" to fish 1,500 yards. of Sturgeon gill nets. — 11 ½ inch mesh: —
" 1,500. yards of Herring gill nets: 3 inch mesh, extension mea-
" sure! And 1,000 Yards of 5" inch mesh. White fish gill
" nets! in Lake Erie! East of the mouth of the Grand
" River! for a distance of 3 miles, along Lake shore! —
" ~~and~~ to extend outwards. for a distance of 4 miles! — $5.00 —

J. Dan.l McGwyne. Burlington Beach! For a license to
spear Bass. Pike and Herring in Burlington Bay. — up to
the 15. of April next. amount is. $1.00 —

8. John Haszlet, do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
9. William Depew. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
10. David Hill. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
11. George Kinsale. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
12. George Kramer. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
13. John Harrison. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
14. William Hewson. — do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —
15. William Gage. Barton. do. — do. — do. — 1.00 —

Total. — $45.00 —

For spearing! licences have been already issued! —
At your convenience! will you be pleased to
send me licences. — from No. 1. to 6. enclosed — for
delivery. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.
Your Obedient Servant. —
J. Phillips. —
Fishery Overseer —

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Hamilton, Ont.
28. February 1885.

Sir,

I enclose herewith, Bank of Montreal draft, No. 381. dated 28th February 1885. Hamilton, - for the sum of Forty dollars! - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount, as received from William Crosser, Leamington; Point Pelee Division, of Lake Erie. - - - Thus: - - -

Dept apply the same, on account of Fisheries Revenue or Fees, received from Overseer William Crosser! refer to printed Return, enclosed herewith! - amount is $40.00/100

I have the honor to be. -

Sir -

Your Obedient Servant. -

W. Hill Hamilton

Fishery Overseer. -

L. O. Bernatchez Esq
Fisheries Department. -
Ottawa! - Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.
11. March 1885.

Sir. -

Will you kindly inform me if Mackerel Nets! are allowed in the Waters in front of Pelee Island, in Lake Erie! and if so the dates - is now fishing Herring & gill nets in Mackerel Bay! - Lake Erie! and the law fishing Limits under the Act. - since I last from you a reply. -

Awaiting My return Mail, and obliged -

I have the honor to be Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
W. Hill Hamilton
Fishery Overseer
Hamilton,
Ont.

L. O. Bernatchez Esq
Fisheries Department
Ottawa Ont.

February 5.....

1885.			For	$	¢	
February 28.	Robert Giles	1.	Boat License,	5.	00.	
do.	David O. Kinsely	2.	Boat License.	6.	00.	
do.	Messrs Albert Servos.		For			
--	William Mindum.	3.	Boat license	5.	00.	
do.	C.a. Harris & Bro Harris,	4.	Seine License.	10.	00.	I now send
do.	John & M. Alford.	5.	do. do.	5.	00.	you herewith,
do.	A. Schumacher.	6.	Boat license,	5.	00,	Bank draft,
do.	Danl McGwyne.	7.	Spearing license	1.	00.	No: 382, for
do.	John Hayes.	8.	do. --	1.	00.	$45^{00}/_{100}$ dated
do.	William Depew.	9.	do. --	1.	00.	Bank of
do.	David Hill.	10.	do. --	1.	00.	Montreal, Hamil-
do.	George Kinrade.	11.	do. --	1.	00.	ton. Feb: 28.
do.	George Kramer.	12.	do. --	1.	00.	1885. --
do.	William Newson.	13.	do. --	1.	00.	
do.	William Gage.	14.	do. --	1.	00.	
do.	John Harrison.	15.	do. --	1.	00.	Total amount is $45.

1885.						
February 28.	William Prosser.	16.	For			
			Net License	40.	00.	Total amount is 40.

Note! I now send you herewith, Bank draft, No. 381, for $40. dated Bank, Montreal, Hamilton, Feb: 28. 1885.

Grand Total $85.

Hamilton, Ont^o
28. February 1885.

Correct,
John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

L. O. Bauset Esqre
Fisheries department,
Ottawa! --

N. Two letters, bearing this date containing Bank drafts explains things more explicit.

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Memo. for S. P. Bennett Esqre
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa! -

Yours ... ed! I am delighted to hear from
you that ... ss^rs Stead and Stitchcock, suc-
ceeded in ... ille holding a gig of Point Edward.
Jiskey, - ... of may certainly thank you for it!
and so ... shall tell them some day, or
another ... chance we happen to meet. —
As I ... you early last week - I started
our ... day, - for St^t Catharines, and Lake
Erie, to ... Licence Jees, and succeeded in get-
ting ... ting under the Act - for Herring. V. -
for ... ith $9. - for Spearing, and Lawrence
Wilson ... Harrison is $40. - Books up $85.00
sent herewith, and all particulars to day. -
On my return home at 12 - noon, on last
Friday - sick. I received all your Letters.
for the pains you have taken for me - I
thank you most warmly. —

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On my arrival home! I found a letter
from Messrs Stead and Stitchcock. - I may
tell you, that on my way home from St^t Thos.
at London - I was told Stead had gone to
Ottawa! - Here goes Steads Letter! Thus!

"I had an interview with Major Tilton,
"on saturday 21st when he told me that
"your report, - (a very favourable one) had
"been received, and that we should re-
"ceive a Lease at the amount named
"in our application $500, - and that the
"recommendation for a Lease for a term
"of years, should be considered in Council
"at the earliest opportunity". - - -

"We are very much obliged to you for
"your favourable report which has settled
"this trouble for us, and hope to see
"you soon in this part (but not on our
"business we hope) when we will be better
"able to thank you! we remain Yours
"very Respectfully." - Stead & Stitchcock! -

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Private!

Memorandum for S. G. Camert Esq.
Dominion department.—
Ottawa!—

Will you be so good and Kind as to
pay this Licence for Mrs. Jane Elliott.—

Under section 13.— Mrs. Elliott. permitted
R. J. Allen. to pick the grand pantry for
her, and his benefit... But for a bit of
spite Cartwright— had for Allen.— he laid the
complaint.— The money Mrs. Elliott got for the
pick Allen sold was a benefit to her
and family.— As a matter of course Mrs.
Elliott will not permit Cartwright for her
pick there! this year!—

I am getting on all right.—

Yours respectfully.—
J. G. Kerr.— D.O.

Hamilton. Ontario
2. March 1885.

I am very much pleased, that this
is settled as it is! your wisdom and advice
to me were a good thing for them!.—

About Capt. McBride— I was on the
same track.— a similar suggestion was in
my mind: when your letter arrived!—

I will write Capt. McBride,— and offer that.
I'll take up there: I am home here at 11. a.m.,
be there at 4. p.m.—

And as Cartwright Mr. has asked for a
Receipt of Judgement!—

I got a hard chill on last Sunday on Lake
Erie. took a chill in my right side.—
Thursday morning at Niagara. all day in bed:
Mustard plasters. Turpentine. bottles of flannels
I am getting all OK again!— I will have to
take another run as far as Niagara down.
with and warm again.— Adieu—
to Mrs! and always your most
Hamilton Ontario Obliged.— J. G. Kerr. D.O.
20. Feb: 1885.

Hamilton, Ont.o
2. March 1885.

Sir:—

I have the honor to apply to you for Boat Licenses for to fish in Lake Ontario in front of [illegible] township of Niagara; during this current year, and respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same as follows:—

1. John Bolton, Niagara! For a Boat license to fish
" 1,200. yards of Herring gill net, 3" inch mesh, extension
" measure; in Lake Ontario, between Kennedy's Station,
" and the Two mile creek, township of Grantham! to
" extend from the beach outwards within the given limits
" for a distance of four miles! except by permission of
" the licensee! no person is allowed to fish on any fishing
" ground held under license!" amount is to be, $5.00
2. Charles Bolton, Niagara! " For do. do." $5.00
3. Joseph Masters. — do. — " For do. do." $5.00
4. Mrs Elliott and Charles Bale. Niagara
" For do, do, do. —" $5.00
5. Mrs Jane Elliott:— For a Boat license to,
" fish 1,200. yards of Herring gill nets,— 3 inch
" mesh, extension measure, in Lake Ontario
" between the west end of the old Fort Not-
" tawanga:— Town of Niagara, and the Two
" mile Creek, township of Grantham, to extend from
" beach outwards within said limits four miles $5.00
" same clauses in John Bolton's licence to be in-
" serted in this and all other Boat licenses
" now applied for!— Please send to me at your
convenience!—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John Gill Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!——

Hamilton. Ont.

2. March 1885. ---

Sir

I have the honor to apply to you for a Boat license, for the undermamed persons, giving them the privilege of Fishing Herring gill nets, 3" inch mesh extension measure, in Lake Erie, bay in front of the Town of Port Colborne, which I recommend may be granted at your convenience. --- Viz:-

1. Samuel Silby. Port Colborne, -For a Boat license to "fish 300 yards, of Herring gill nets, 3" inch mesh extension "measure, in Lake Erie, in front of the Town of "Port Colborne: say extending from the point on the "Lake, East of the Welland Canal, to Sugar Loaf "point, on the West, extending within the given limits, "outwards for a distance of 4. miles in to Lake Erie."

"The license fee, for this current year, is, - $3.00." -

"2. William Rambo, Port Colborne. -

"For do. do. do. do. --- 3.00."

Respectfully submitted, —

I have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer

The Deputy Minister. -

Department of Fisheries -

-Ottawa. —

Hamilton. Ont.
2: March 1885.--

Sir.

I Have the honor to receive from you! Copy of an application made to you by Overseer W.A. McCrae, of Dunnville! in behalf of Messrs Absalom Hoover, and C.F. Sevenpiper of Rainham! - For the privilege of fishing three Pound Nets, in Lake Erie, in front of South Cayuga, and Dunn: say, all the way from the Town line, between Rainham & Cayuga, to within 2 miles of the mouth of the Grand River, township of Dunne. - -

By appointment, I met Hoover, and Sevenpiper, at Dunnville, at 11. a.m. on Tuesday - February 24th and having talked the matter plainly over: when I objected that they asked for too much Lake territory! they agreed with me! -

I therefore respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant a License for this current year, to Messrs Absalom Hoover, and C.F. Sevenpiper, of Rainham! - "For "to fish Three Pound nets, in Lake Erie, in front of a part "of the Township of Dunne! that is to say: commencing in "front of George Dockers - Lot No: 5, in said township! "Thence to extend east, to Lot No. 23, or within one mile of "the mouth of the Grand River". - Lots in Dunne are small. -

Two of Pound Leads, will be sixty rods long! - And the other will be seventy rods long. - The Pots will be set in water about 29' feet deep. - The Pounds have eight pots or heads! the License fee, to be Forty dollars for each pound net! for current year. - I enquired for Overseer W.A. McCrae, and learned he had gone up the Grand River. - - Respectfully Submitted. -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
John W. Kerr. Inspector.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries
-Ottawa! -

Hamilton. Ont.-
2.- March 1885.---

Sir.-

I have the honor to apply to you for a Seine license for Mrs. Jane Elliot of Niagara ----

For the privilege of using one Legal White fish seine, and one Herring seine - on fishing stations, Nos. 3. 4. 5. 6. and 7.- situated on the Niagara River,- Between Rousseaus wharf, and Kennedy's, Storeon, in the Town of Niagara ---- Only 3 grounds were cleaned for fishing on?

The license fee for this current year is to be Fifteen dollars.- Besides $5. for Boat license.!.-

From the sad and grievous affliction: which has happened to Thomas Elliot, for the past 3 years!- the husband, he being silly- out of his mind, and not able to do anything for himself to take care of himself. ---

I would respectfully ask your permission, that Mrs. Jane Elliot, who has 3 children, to Educate, and support, be granted the privilege of subletting her Seine hauling grounds- to Kindly disposed fisherman of her own choosing! and who have volunteered their Kindliest feelings- for herself and family in her sad bereavement, to aid and assist her. ---

Last season Mrs. Jane Elliot- allowed James Cantwell, under license! of $10.- fee, to Seine haul on, and within the licensed limits herein named, to fish and Seine haul, upon promising as he promised he would aid and assist her in many ways! but this he never done.- But on the contrary gave her much annoyance! and had Robert J. Allen, a licensed fisherman, whom she permitted to fish within her licensed limits fined to the extent of $5.25 as per Mr. R. J. Allens petition herewith! between Boat & License! she is willing to pay $20. for current year.-

Respectfully submitted.- I have the Honor to be. Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant.-
Wm. H. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister.-
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa.- -

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I have the honor to be granted in her name license! to fish on the grounds with permission! please issue me - Minister asking on R.J. Allens petition.- fishing. &c.

Hamilton. Ont.

2. March 1885.

Sir.

I Have the honor to apply to you, for a license, for Mr. Charles Nurse, of the Humber Hotel.

For to fish a Pound net in Lake Ontario, between Parkedale and the Humber Bridge, during this current year, at the usual rate of $40.00 p.

The land is to be 80. rods. Pot or head, is single. The depth of water 24 feet.

Last season, owing to the late time the license was issued, Mr. Nurse failed in catching large quantities of Coarse fish... To enable him to retrieve his last year losses, will you be pleased to issue the license as soon as convenient.

I recommend the same for your favourable consideration. Respectfully submitted.

I Have the Honor &c

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant.

John W. Kerr

Fishery Insp.

The Deputy Minister,

&c &c &c Marine.

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Private and confidential.

(In the square.)
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My dear Friend, and Brother McBride! -

On my return Home, from St. Thomas, on the 18th February last. I made my report to S. C. Bunset. F. department, Ottawa! Sent him your returns, and Gauthiers cheque for $160.- which was placed to the credit of your a/c for license with the Department for year ending 31st of December 1884! A report from me accompanied your documents. - - -

In reply - I received the following from Mr Bunset! - "I cannot close without a word "to thank you for your intelligent work on be= "half of McBride. - You had better give "him a further hint to square up as soon as "possible, by remitting the balance by draft "certificates, and not by cash or cheques - "And "not to do it again!" "If a thing of this kind "was known by his Enemies, that would soon "settle him". - "I believe as you say - that

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"he is honest, but he is certainly not punc= "tual and particular!" -

The foregoing is every word I got from Mr Bunset. -

Please try and keep your word with him; for I told him you would! -

I handed Gauthiers draft into Montreal Bank here. - paid 25 ¢ for discount, and in= cluded your $160.- in drafts. - from my= self. to the Receiver General. Ottawa! -

Please do so. - Yours S. C. Bunset. Esq
Fisheries department.
Ottawa, Ont.

advises - and enclose at once, to his address. - I was at Pt Colborne. Dunnville. Ridgeway - Fort Erie - and Niagara - home here at 12 - Noon - last Friday - sick ever since lungs af= fected: but I am getting better, but slowly. -

It has been a hard severe winter,

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and I have been around a good deal!
hence I caught it last. –

My report for Point Edward, Fishermen. – obtained for them all they asked and looked for!
I had – the – grow them on last Friday – thanking me Kindly for settling their troubles for them! –

As soon as you write and tell me, you have squared up the balance about $50. License fees. for year 1884. – I shall write Mr. Bauset, and recommend him to pay you at least. $200 per annum! for he assured Friend and Brother. it always affords me profit and pleasure! to do all the good I can for a worthy ~~man~~ recipient. – – – – Believe me! –

Yours Fraternally. – –
John W. Kerr. –
Fishery Overseer.
Box 175. Hamilton. Ont.
4. March 1885.

Captain!
Alexander McBride.
The Hutchinson House! –
Lt. Thomas. Ont.
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I desire no better company – than yours in any and every Emergency! – "For then to overcome and defy the whole world!" –

I suppose a few words to Mr. McBride today. about Lyburns Young Hens. – 2 additional Female fishes at Pt. au Baie. last year. and I advised him to get the additional $80. – and send it. at once to you with all the rest he has still Kept back for last year. – –

I look to write him in regard to an application for to fish 4 persons. the west end of Stoughton. County of Norfolk, – and as my opponent Frank Jackson. wishes to go into the County of Leeds as far as the Little Otter river. – I consulted with Mr. McBride about allowing Frank Jackson – to go that far. – as he desires to fish up in Pt. au Baie. with his Boy. this year, – it would surprise you sometimes if in writing and signing these cards for you. I was to file you all the letters I write. so as to straighten up little intricacies. – – This day week I took sick. – Today – Thanks the Lord. I

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Memorandum! Jon S. P. Bowes Esq
Department. —
Ottawa! — Ont.

I send you my receipts for $50.— account for Barrie Insp.— The decision made was a righteous one! you. Know it! and so do I! —

I also send you my receipts for $83.32/100 ct on Act of proy.— I wanted the money, will say nothing about deputy Receiver Generals ruling! —

I send you Long Point Co.; Brantford. Ft. Fe.

Also,

The Bill of the Province of Ontario now before the Assembly — Toronto. — —

I would not be at all surprised, when it becomes Law; to hear that Patton, and Muir, — your Hamilton opponents, are appointed for Ontario. Ft.o.—

The Bill. I suppose will be quashed by Sir John; and be sent to Privy Council. Ve.

I saw where Mr Jackson. M. P.— for Norfolk. asked the Minister a question! and he replied the Long Point Co — had a 9 years Lease of the Fisheries, — to expire in 1889. —

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Except that I got a bad cold last Tuesday a week ago, between Dunnville. St Collbore and Ridgeway: which got as far as my lungs — Kept me in bed 2. or 3 days — with Mustard plas Turpentine and Bottles of Medicine — I expect to be all o.k — very soon! —

It came on just as last Thursday morning as a stitch in my right side! — at Niagara. I lay in bed there all day on Thursday — Had a Dr who applied the Mustard. two doses of Medicine, Jiged me so that I could come Home! ordered to remain in the House! which I have not left. since last Saturday, — when I had to go to Bank for drafts 45, and 40. — I have sent to you! —

My lungs were so bad as to make me gasp! and until last night my Condition was very unpleasant and painful! I am now much better, and will soon be well altogether! —

I hope you have granted Gauthier & Stallday's Offices for them — to their entire satisfaction. —

Ace you encounter in a year must be months!.

Be warned! I am your faithful. —

Hamilton. Ont.
4. Mar: 1885.

J. Wilson — F.o.

Private and confidential!

Hamilton, Ont^{o}.
4. March 1885.--

My dear Friend!-

After I wrote you today. and mailed your letter! a Gentleman from Buffalo, N. Y.- called to see me!-

In conversation he told me Sylvanus Young. and Son,- Lake Erie,- at Port Bruce. fished Four Pounds there, last year. instead of 2, Pounds! as already reported to you on the 19th February last!- see names of Fishermen. No: 6. Port Bruce, Sylvanus Young & Son, 2 Pound Nets: $80.00 ----

The person who gave me the information, is E. J. Tibbs- Fish dealer.- Buffalo!-

I recollect Mr^{r} Pringle,- was undecided for some time as to whether young & Son fished 4 or 2. Pounds,- he ultimately decided they fished 2 pound nets,- during year 1884.- but that Mr Pringle, even then! was himself doubtful about it.-- The fact is I dont believe now he visits his Fishermen very often. Tibbs says- I bought Sylvanus Young. and sons fish - last year- they were shipped to me to Buffalo, and they fished four Pound nets.- Tibbs added to me, 'dont give me away!!' If Captain Mc^{c}Bride,- does not pay you up soon as he promised me he would pay about this time 4th please let me know, and I will run up there again and go to Pt Bruce - also! if you say so. and collect Sylvanus Young and sons Fishing Licence for- I know the people well!-

Yours respectfully.-
Wm W Kerr-
Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Bouchette Esqre
Fisheries department.
Ottawa. Ont^{o}.

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Dear Sir!

Hamilton, Bermuda.
February 1882.--

My dear Sir:-

I write by next Packet. I received your letter:- Gentlemen from Bermuda. Mr. G.- called to see me:-

I commenced to take me Photos of Mr. Gosse. Mrs. Gosse. Mr. Gosse. Mrs. Gosse. Mr. Gosse. Mrs. Gosse.

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Hamilton, Ont. —

5. March 1885. —

My Friend and Brother McBride! —

Since I wrote you on yesterday. — I was informed our friend Sylvanus Young, and his son — of Port Bruce — fished your Pound nets there last year. — Will you be pleased to see them at once, and get $80. more from them. — —

And if Gauthier's man fished at the west end of your division of Elgin — and has not paid you up yet! make him do so at once! —

I am much better to day. I slept well last night. — my lung pains are wearing out and going off. — I am quite pleased, and must see the Doctor to day, and get another bottle.

Believe me!

Yours fraternally. —

J. W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer. —

Capt. Alex. McBride.
Hutchinson House. —
St Thomas. Ont. 3 1.

Hamilton. Ont. —

5. March 1885. —

Friend. and Brother! —

I had an application made to me before and since I saw you — at St Thomas. on the 18th of ~~March~~ February last. for a license to fish Four Pound nets. — in Lake Erie. — in front of the Township of Houghton! at the usual rate of $40. per pound. for this current year. — — The person applying. Frank Jackson. — of Turkey point. would like his limits to extend as far into your Division. as the Little Otter. —

Seeing that he has a Tug. he wants to tie up in Port Burwell, when not fishing.

The matter I told him. I would lay before you. get your decision — and apprise him at once. — The license I shall arrange to have sent to you to countersign and deliver! please answer at once! —

Capt. Alex: McBride. Yours fraternally. —
The Hutchinson House. J. W. Kerr. Overseer.
St Thomas. Ont. 2.

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Hamilton, Ont^{o}.

Memorandum for S. O. Barnett, Esqre
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa!— Ont.

Since I wrote you last, Hamilton Times paper of 4th instant is out, and I send you debate on the New Fraser Fishery Act, Province of Ontario:

The law as I have heard it, in the United States! the Federal Government, have control of the Fisheries, in the Great Lakes, between Canada and the U. S. and in the Niagara River.— The St^{t} Laurence.— The St^{t} Clair and Detroit Rivers!—

While the different States control the fisheries within their respective limits— having no control whatever of the Great Lakes,— or the fisheries therein nor of the Fisheries of the Great Rivers— nor dividing boundaries.— Between the 2. Countries!—

I suppose it will a git squabble of some years,— however if the miserable crew, in the Majority at Toronto, succeed: I am perfectly satisfied as you say.— Your occupation and mine will be gone. V^{e}. V^{e}. V^{e}."—

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I am better....

And next week, I will be ready for the march again. if you require my humble services!—....The Honble

Oliver Mowat,— will have a Tremendous crowd! when Major Gilton, marches his skirmishers to Toronto, and hands them over Body and Bones to the little Premier.—

Some body is sure to get hurt.—

I got 3 bad falls during the last year!— but the cold I caught was worse than the falls,

If the Hon: O. M,— carries his point, all the money he gets— compound interest and all, will have to be applied to pay off Running— of St^{t} John. New Brunswick!— who has given him a point, to get up and start his New fishery Act.—

I wont detain you longer.— I am now laugh at some great world be great people's calamity! and I will mock after a little when their fear cometh!— Yours in truth & sincerity.

Hamilton, Ont^{o}
5. March 1885.

John W. Kerr— P. O.

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Hamilton. Ont.o
6. March 1885.-

My dear Nurse!—

I sent forward your application.- and I recommended that you get a Licence - for to fish your Pound this year in the usual place and at the same hours &c!- Please find on the opposite page; the answer I received thereto in full.-

You had better come up here, and we will talk the matter over - and see and arrive at the conclusion what is best to be done! so as to obtain the privilege up towards Port Credit.—

Yours Sincerely.—

Charles Nurse Esqre
The Humber House.
Mimico. P. Office.—

J.W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

P.S.- I am sick - or I would not ask you to come up!— J.W. Kerr— P.O.

Copy.-

Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa. 4th March 1885.---

Sir.-

In answer to your application on behalf of Charles Nurse, for permission to set a pound net between Parkdale and the Humber, on Lake Ontario; I am to inform you, that owing to the numerous complaints and representations which have been made against this mode of fishing in the immediate neighbourhood of the City of Toronto, it is not deemed advisable to renew Mr Nurses license.—

I am. Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John Tilton.—
Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Hamilton.—

1. See book!

Hamilton. Ont^{o}.

7th March 1885.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith Bank draft, No: 409. for the sum of Eighty five dollars.

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows:—

1. Messrs Frank Jackson, and W. Preston, of Turkey point:

For a license in Lake Erie, between Houghton Centre, County of Norfolk, and the Little Otter township: Bayham, County of Elgin! to extend into the Lake within given limits from the beach 200 Rods!!— For current year 1885!.

For the privilege of fishing with Four Pound nets, with a single head or "pot,"— each! the amount is to be as usual $4.0. per pound per annum! now sent you as^{t}.... $80.00!.

As no part of the ground applied for, is in possession of any other fisherman! I recommend that you will be please to grant this license.— The applicants as soon as license is granted will remove to Port Burwell.— The balance $80. license fee; will be paid to me for department, on the 1st June, next.——

2.— Augus Schomacher,— Normandale! For a Boat license— to fish 800 yards. of Herring gill nets,— 3" inch, extension measure; in Lake Erie,! between Normandale, and Port Ryerse, not more than 2 miles from shore. within said limits,— say up to the 14th April next!"———

"After that date: to fish said 800 yards of Herring gill nets,— with 700 yards of 11½" inch— Sturgeon gill net in Lake Erie; between the Cut Long Point, and Clear Creek,— Township of Walsingham: the amount is,— $5.00!

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license.— I have appriced Messrs Sharp, and McBride!!—

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant.—

Phil^{p} Kerr.— P. Kerr

S. C. Bascet Esqre

For Deputy Minister of Fisheries,—

Ottawa!— B.

Hamilton, Ont.!—

Private!

Memorandum! for S. P. Bawat Esqre
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa, Ont^o^.

"You say! ① All right.. But you should have done as I told you.. Deposit in Prosser's name, not in yours, so that it might appear to his credit in the same manner, as these deposits you made in Toronto.—.—

That you may henceforth know it.— I send you copy of requisition for draft, deposit receipts, &c. and I may say - I could not depos it (Otherwise - than I have) in Prosser's name!

I send you the original, for the depositor, No: 381,- for the $40,- perhaps I ought to have sent it to you in the first place!—

Now as regards the deposits you refer to, that you suppose I made in Toronto, in amount $341.- I may candidly tell you, that I man= aged that transaction, just in the same way,— that I have done in the present instance.— I will explain everything to you, if you require

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me for to do so!"—

After you left Toronto, 30. July last, for Detroit,- I went back to the Bank,— was informed that the letter you had enquired for, and appeared had arrived! and I was asked how I would have the money, why I was and every thing about me: to which I replied and I re= ceived the money.—

I took the $341,— home here with me, and I made the deposits,— "3 separate and distinct deposits",— in Montreal Bank, here, on 31st July, exactly, in same way, as I have done in present instance!— Then here a round of interrogatio was put to me! one! was why I wanted 3 drafts,— when one draft would answer the same pur= pose.. My answer to this was,— I never asked for reasons! I was obeying the orders I received!

According to your memorandum of instructions I wrote letter, sent drafts - and paid postages as your Memorandum had instructed me!— Except that letter, I have no other memorandum whatever of the transaction by me!—

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My letter contains an exact copy of your memorandum: which I destroyed!—

About salary!— For 20 years and upwards you have always been my warm friend and supporter! and I have all confidence in you!— I told — some of my intimate friends — I expect the Chancellor! they will be disappointed! I will not.— For — thing so frequently promised since 1868.— by Mr Whitcher. up to the year before he left, did not disappoint me!—

Major Tilton — got a chance of doing the graceful act — but even then — he would not agree with you who know me so well, in the manner of doing it.— Even had he asked you. for you know so much more than he does.— Captain Dalton — and the Toronto Mews might go to Jericho! my promotion would be popular amongst fishermen. Lunenburgers and many of the Keepers &c. & Mr Spencer,— as the Troubling of the waters — has come and nearly abated. I shall still continue to do my duty — and praise my friends as I find them. — — —

3.

I have written Mr Pride, — and advised him to pray you! — at once!!! —

I send you an application for a license to fish From ponds, — please grant it, and send to me! Cameron — M. Bleu, — is able to be about now after his sad misfortune! —

As soon as I receive license — I recently applied for, I shall go to Ridgway again — and straighten up — little shew, and deliver licenses! — — —

And get other applications. — I was out yesterday, at Bank to get draft for $85,— the first time out for a week. — I am getting around all right. when at Point Edward — recently, I took a slide — while noting down in Messrs Hitchcocks — Stores — material for my report which caused my recent illness. —

In 1868, — when sent there I got my first Rheumatism! and in 1872. I caught my second Rheumatism! and now I have got another touch of it. — No matter! you plan for the good of the Fisheries — I will carry out your Orders. — 8. Aller: 1880. — Yours respectfully, — J. W. Kerr — P.O. —

Glad I sent you L.G.G. Lines — for your own guidy. — Yes! —

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"Private, and Confidential."

Hamilton. Ont.
8. March 1885.—

My dear Sharp!—

I was at Dunnville, on 24th ult. where I met Stoner, and Sweetpiper.—

I have since made my report and sent it to department, Ottawa.—

The grounds I recommended, are all in Lake Erie — in front of the township Dunn.

I got another $5. from your friend Augustus Schoumacher,— Licence will be sent you for to countersign.— I received $80,— on a/c of Frank Jackson, and John W. Prentiss — Licence! For to fish 4 grounds in Lake Erie: one from Stoughton Beattie, in Norfolk; to the Little Otter, in Boyshaw; County of Elgin.— This licence will be also sent you, for to Countersign.—

I agree with you in everything you say! about the Turkey point Company.— pay no attention whatever to their application: stand by our legitimate fishermen!—

Things look squally for the Ontario Fishermen, and Fisheries — just now!— It is your bounden duty, and mine: to stand firm, and firmly by them; and the Fisheries department, Ottawa.—

The Right Honble Sir. John A. Macdonald,— Canada's Greatest Statesman! will fix all things for the benefit of the people! legal, right, and proper!—

I went at Port Dalhousie, St. Thomas — and Ridgeway,— besides being very sick, for ten days.— I am only now getting better!— Courage!— strictly Private — mind this!—

Captain McBride — may get himself into trouble if he has not taken my advice.— He had 26 pounds fishing last year!— and up to 18. Feb. last. had not paid the license fees for past year 1.040.— besides $41.— for Erie licenses.—

I was sent to St. Thomas to straighten up his affairs, and returns for past year 1884. which I did — and received the thanks — from department — don't mention this to any one!— strictly private!—

with Kind regards.— Yours Sincerely.—

D. Sharp Esqre
Port Ryerse.—

J. W. Kerr F.O.—

March 5, —

1885. — For $ — ¢ —

March. 7th Frank Jackson. } Vs. } Cause not li=
John W. Preston. } 1. } cense, Lake Erie. 80. 00. —
— " Angus Schumacher. 2. } Boat license
} in Lake Erie. 5. 00.

Total — $ 85. 00 ¢.

I sent draft 409. — from Montreal Bank, Hamilton 7. Mar 1885. to department, Ottawa. Same draft for $ 85.

My letter of 7th March instant, herewith, will explain everything. — Yours respectfully. —

Correct. — John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.,
7th March 1885.

To The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. — Ont.

Sir!

Memorandum for D. O. Russell Esq
Fisheries Department. —
Ottawa. —

I expect something every day from Mr. Lukin re G. L. Keith, and Cameron Alexander. —

Will you be pleased to let me know if G. L. Keith - Inc - Boat License - Lake Erie for 1885 has been issued to Keith Bros Meaford Ont. and if so, please send me a copy of it. — —

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed herewith. — Yours faithfully. —
John Kerr.
F. O. —

Hamilton, Ont.
9. March 1885.

Hamilton, Ont.
9. March 1885.-

My dear Joe! —

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst. March, instant. — — —

I saw Mr Isaac Culp, an old friend, - at Dunnville, and Port Colborne, on 24th inst of February last. — He wants a fishing ground in the Niagara River, at Queenston! and I suppose he will have to get one! I cannot however, without going to Queenston! say anything about it, just yet! —

I was at Niagara, all day on the 26th of February last - sick in bed with inflamation of the Lungs. —

Doctor Warren - by two doses of Medicine - placed me just in a position

that I was able with the Kindly assistance of friends - to get home by Train - to the Station - Hamilton. - Since 28th of February, until yesterday, saturday, I was not out of my House. —

I am now thank God, getting better, and then I am off to Niagara; and up to Queenston! when I will see what can be done for Mr Culp. —

There has been some squabbling on behalf of the Mowat Government with the Fishermen and Fisheries - and it is my duty just now under the circumstances to do nothing that will cause excitement. - dont you think I am right. - Will let you Know, when I am coming! in the mean time Kindly remember me to Mrs Gabriel, and your father. — Yours Sincerely. —

Wm Joseph W. Gabriel, Esq.
Queenston. -

Wm. H. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.

9. March 1885.---

Sir -

I have the receipt of the copy of Fishery Overseer William Hollinwells application for licenses to fish in Lake Ontario &c. &c. - dated Highland Creek, 3rd March 1885, with your instructions to me to report thereon ! -

For current year of 1885 ! --- As follows: -----

1. William Cowan, - Pickering ! -- There can possibly be no objection ! The land and water is the property of the applicant who for the past 20 years, has been a warm friend of our fisheries. - I recommend that a Boat licence for to fish 300. yards of Pike gill nets, be granted at the usual rate of $5.00 ; and that the same be sent to me to countersign, and deliver, ---- The Rouge is not in Mr Hollinwells division !

2. - Francois Portwine, Port Union, - Pickering - For Boat licence - to fish 400 yards - Herring gill net in Lake Ontario, from the townline ! between Scarboro and Pickering !! to extend from there East, - to The Rouge ! - and to extend from the beach, within the said limits, outwards for a distance of four miles ! - A few years ago, this man was hurt, when the department upon my recommendation granted him a "Free licence." - I still recommend that it may be granted free - this year ! - Himself and wife are aged couple do all the fishing themselves !! please send licence to me to countersign and deliver. ----

3. - James Shackleton. Scarboro ! - No objection ! and please send the licence to Overseer Hollinwell ! to countersign, deliver, and collect licence fee ! -

4. - William Ward - of Toronto Island ! - For a Boat licence to fish Herring gill nets, - and Trout gill nets, - in Lake Ontario ! between Toronto Island, and Gates gully ! - township of Scarboro', - and to extend outwards within the given points for a distance of Eight miles. - I recommend the said

The deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries. -
-Ottawa ! -

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license be granted at the same rate as a similar license, was granted to Mr. William Ward - for year 1884. - -

I also respectfully recommend! That not only do, Mr. William Ward, receive a Seine license - for to fish in front of his own residence on the Island and the gap! - at the same license fee, that he paid last year; for Seine fishing there! - But that he be permitted to fish during this current year: in Block House Bay - for Pike and Cat fish! at the same rate paid by the deceased Mrs. Jane Gray, viz. $10 - for current season. - - -

Twenty years have made a wonderful change on Toronto Island! as a Fishing station! William Ward, - is the last remaining Fisherman! of 20 years ago! and the only one living this day to tell the tale! and I can corroborate his statement. - - -

I recommend that the foregoing fishing privileges asked for by William Ward, be granted!!! - -

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Overseer, - William Hallimede! - Continues! -

And some portions of the Ashbridges Bay marsh! - for the purpose of catching Bull Heads, - or Catfish, - at reasonable rates of fees you may think proper proper to impose! - - - This is too! too! indefinite!! so that

I cannot recommend anything of the kind, and Overseer Hallimede and Mr. Ward know full well! and I told them so! that the Fishery department at Ottawa last summer, at the instance of the Municipality of Toronto, through their Solicitor - cancelled the license of John Lamacle, then fishing in Ashbridges Bay! - and advised me no more, Nets! were to be licensed to fish in Ashbridges Bay.

Thus, the orders to me have since, and shall - - - forth be respected! - in matters on the department or- ders shall be sanctioned by me! - - - -

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5. C. L. Sticks, — of the Stumber, wishes his license renewed on the same terms, and embracing the same privileges as last year. — —

With respect to this application, I will commence with facts, for your perusal. — —

Last year, an application was made to the department by Coarser, — Wm Stallwell, in behalf of Mr C. L. Sticks. — This! like the present was sent to me to report upon. — I did report, see copy herewith, (No: 1,) and this license, I have reason to know was granted. — —

The question now arises, did the department, last year, issue through Coarser, — Wm Stallwell, — a Boat license, — for to fish Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, at the Stumber! besides the boat license to fish Pike gill nets, — in the Stumber see No: 1.

Will you be pleased to call on Coarser William Stallwell, to define! what he means by stating as at the head of this page thus! — "C. L. Sticks, of the Stumber, wishes his license renewed, on same terms, and embracing the same privileges as last year." —

On receipt from you of Coarser Wm Stallwells, reply. — I will supply and straighten up something.

With due respect. —

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. H. W. Kerr. — —

Fishery Coarser. —

No. 1....

Copy....

Hamilton, Ont.,
28. February 1884.—

Sir.—

No: 8. I have the honour to apply to you for a Boat license for Mr. C. L. Sticks, The Stumber:— "To fish "300. yards of Pike gill nets in the Stumber, and Stumber "Marshes! between the Railway Bridge, and the Quarries during the months of March, and April 1884.—

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same at the usual rate of Five dollars.—

There is no objection; seeing that Mr. Sticks, had a similar license there, during last year.—

No: 9.— Charles Nurse, — The Stumber; — For a similar license in every respect.—

Will you be pleased to insert the protection clause; in each licence, and send them to me, for delivery.— And with due respect.—

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.
Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Bauset Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries.—
Ottawa!—

P.S. I have numbered the applications, 8. and 9.—
J. W. Kerr.—F.O.—

The above is a true copy!—
9. March 1885.— J. W. Kerr.—F.O.

Hamilton, Ont.
11. March 1885.

My Friend — or
Brother! —

I am in receipt of your Kind, and fat envelope! I cheerfully confess to you! that in making my report and accounting that the Point Edwards Distribution; to you at a fair advance, I should not consciously speaking; as between you and the Department, have done otherwise. — —

My object in telegraphing you, was! that I might advise you to do what you have done; or to Ottawa." — In my return from St Thomas, to London on the 19th of February last, I enquired from the Genial Conductor — if he knew you, he told me he did, and that you had gone to Ottawa, the day before! then I felt happy. —

I am personally acquainted with your friend, the old Vic. John A. McKenzie — may be the son of my old friend — and brother M. — who in years a long time ago, when I was 1st Clerk in London Post Office! — Major McKenzie, had a volunteer

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Battery of Artillery in London! — The Major, a whole soul conservative as he was; kept up and maintained the Battery himself. — The last time I saw the Major, was at a Masonic dinner, in the Robinson Hall — London! St Johns day, 1849. — —

It was communicated to me, from Ottawa, how you had got on there. — To use a common phrase! I left no stone unturned to insure your success! because it was your just due! and only fit and proper; that I should in February 1885, or assume repeat, renew or resume the same ground I occupied in January 1868 — by reporting again, as I had formerly done — on behalf of most deserving personages — or your noble selves" — who are the intimates of all my old friends — in Lennox: whose tongues of good report — sounded, largely in your favour. — — —

I am always satisfied when I do my duty. —

I was sick. for the last 2 weeks — or I should have answered your letter sooner! —

I caught a bad cold — the morning I was at Point Edwards, "10. February" with my friend Abrams!! — collecting some of the material, on which I

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back, with all the rest of my Yacht Jacks I after-
wards collected: for my reports & in your behalf. —
On the 24th of February. — when closing your Port
Colborne. — to Ridgeway — Lake Erie: I got a chill.
There is no use in taking up your time in telling
you all the bottles. mustard. turpentine. &c. used up,
in restoring my right lung to its original sound
condition: I am nearly as well as ever! so I
may sincerely thank God for his goodness! for his
mercy endureth for ever! and in conclusion ex-
claim God save the Queen. — —

My right lung was so bad for 3 or 4 days. I
could not get out of my bed without help. —
Except on last saturday. I have not been out
of the House for Eleven days! —

I have kept up my official letters. only neglect-
ing to answer yours. —

After 20 years, and 3 months. as Fishery Overseer
my mission, in future, will be best fulfilled: —
by doing you and other good Citizens of the
Public community, all the good I can. — —

In similar cases, as yours! yours, now the

Public. when deserving! need never fear me!

For

Peace and plenty will always reign! where
Justice governs! —

I expect to visit Lake Huron, this
year; and if I do; will honour myself by calling
on you and my other friends. —

I did not forget. to refer to what Mr. A. C.
Clark. told me; before we left Alexander House,
for Station! But then the Journalist has amply
replied to. —

reply. —

So good night and joy be with
you all! — Believe me! —

Yours gratefully. —

John Wilkes. —

Messrs. Wm. Stead. and Fishery Overseer.
Marcus Whitehurst. —
Point Edwards Fisheries.
Sarnia. Post office.

P.S. Kindly remember me to my old friends the
Mrs. Whitehurst, Overseer McMaster. remind him of a
letter: and to our most worthy friend & brother Alexander! —
4, adieu — John Wilkes. F.O.

Hamilton, Ont. 11. March 1885.

Memorandum! for L. C. Rameleys.
Victoria department. —
Ottawa! Ont. —

I send you a long letter of 3 pages: for your perusal. I received this evening from Everson - Captain Alexander McBride, for the County of Leeds. - It contains some important information: which I am now glad, I found out for you! - According to this letter! the department will be now $200,- richer in Pound Nets, for 1884. than you or I expected! Of additional Pound Nets, -

Big Bay 3. Pounds at Port Bruce - $120.00
" 2. do. at New Glasgow - 80.00
Total. $200.00

Balance due for year ending 31st of December 1884. in addition to what I have already sent you. ---

My impression is - McBride, did not have about 2. additional Pounds - being fished at New Glasgow. Lake Erie, - until I wrote and told him what had gone on at Port Bruce, his enquiries - for one - found out the other! -

Reeves! Gauthier man - gives McBride, some trouble! - McMichael John, Everson, Rond Eau, - is the person - McBride, supposes to be resident at Morpeth! -

Of course, it will be easy for you now, to ascertain if Reeves, - from McMichaels returns, - fished - where McBride, supposed he has in the County of Kent. ---

In the application I made for Frank Jackson, - and John W. Carsten - for to fish 4 P. Nets, - between Stoughton Centre, - and the Little Otter! - on the 7th instant, had better be changed - to read! In front of the Township of Stoughton - in Lake Erie; unless you now desire to do - as per first application of 7th. McBrides letter tells me he has application now for 45 Pounds - being fished for year 1885. - found all this out, since by your advice I wrote him: read his letter and return to your obedient Servant, - [illegible]

memorandum! for S. C. Burnett Esqre
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa! —

On the 27 instant. I made application for Charles Nurse, for a license to fish a 0. Net during the year in Hamilton Bay, between Oak dale, Stoney Point: and the Humber Bridge.

In reply the deputy writes by letter the 4th instant - said: That owing to the numerous complaints and representations which have been made ag^st this mode of fishing in the immediate neighbourhood of the City of Toronto it is not deemed advisable to renew the Nurses licence! —

In reply - to for as I am concerned makes. Com Wm Wallace - and Alex C. L. Wilks, - I am heartily willing to grant for the complain of this Bay! It is having a very serious matter for Chas Nurse investing in fishing materials! for last year his net was maliciously burned. —

He is an respectable fisher for he gain this same pound last year. —

He then applied to Mr Wallace, M. P. a friend and supporter of the Right Honble Sir. John A. Macdonald, who is M. P. for York, - and the Minister was appealed to, and he granted the licence late it was in the last years season! —

He only paid about expenses, — But this year owing to the severity of the winter, he expected to do better, by setting his Pound early, and catching suckers, - before the fish from upper Lakes arrive in Toronto. —

I hope you will be pleased to ask the deputy Minister to reconsider his decision in this Pound net licence Case of Charles Nurse for current year and grant it. — —

Nurse is a supporter of Mr Wallace. — and a Conservative with all the sporting community of Toronto. — Yours respectfully. —

John Wilkes. Jr.

Hamilton. Ont^o
11. March 1885. 2

Private!

Hamilton. Ont°.
12. March 1885.—

My dear Tibbs!

Yours with cheque for $80.— received on last saturday: got draft for it on same day — and sent to the department.— and I recommended what you asked for Frank Jackson, and John W. Preston — to be granted! and I said I was to be paid by cheque $80. on 1st June next.

I had a letter from McBride on yesterday saying it was 4 miles — from Pte Burwell, to the Township — Houghton! and he had given it to Captain Foster, but above Port Burwell — he might have grounds to appeal! —

Foster says: pay Telegraph to you! — "Have grounds from Pte. East five miles. come up will deal with you, answer quick!" — "D. Foster." —

Captain Foster — of Long point Long Boat. I presume! write on receipt. give me all particulars about Foster dealing with you! and I will bluff the game for you! —

I send Fosters letter (or telegraph!) to Ottawa — this morning! every matter between you and I — is strictly private! so upon no account mention to McBride nor Foster — any thing connected with application I made for your friends Jackson and Preston! —

Keep low, very low! —

I had a long letter from McBride. you are right about Young — Port Bruce! —

He fished 3. pounds more than he returned for! — and Robert Moorhead. of New Glasgow — fished 2 pounds. — in all $200. — more license fees for 1884, than was returned by Overseer McBride. — — and it is to you I am indebted for the discovery. — many thanks! Yours Sincerely.

W. J. Tibbs Esq[re]
Corner of Erie Basin Slip,
Buffalo. N. Y. —

J. W. Kerr — J.P.
Hamilton, Ont°.

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Memorandum! for Mr. A. Bennett Esqre
Fisheries Department
Ottawa.

Collector
The Telegraph, from Captain Gates - 7 Cod
Barrels, to Messrs. Hibbs, Brick dealers - 8
cables, one from Fielding one from Armstrong
one stove more chart here the Lat
Mr Hibbs - dinner - Country Legion
2 minute Mr Hibbs on 4 minute Ad
the Carlsonkas 3 Pounds of Bass -
to-go there, one make the connection
for me, shows Lo Ros men
his division to appoint to me; Hibbs
Gates - minutes - in Port Burwell - he's
the 4 miles last from the Ad make - Ad
Letter out of Telegraph Hibbs - Com
It is with Fielding all 3 on Guidsmith
day to: the grain from Barbers
Mr Hibbs Letter 7 & 9 ## is - Kinsey
one mile from supply - for rendering
20 - more for 1884. - Yours respectfully.
Hamilton, Ont. 1885. -

Two Printed Fishing
Licenses for year 1885.

C. McThane Esqre
Hotel Keeper.
Port Colborne.
Ont.

Mailed on the
16th Mar: 1885.

for year 1885.

Mr John M. Alford.
care of
Mrs Jane Elliot.
The Fisheries.
Niagara. Ont.

Mailed on the
16. Mar: 1885.

Hamilton. Ont.o
13. March 1885. - -

Sir. -

By the Spectator Article herewith, you will perceive that The Game Society of Hamilton - have taken up John Dyson and William Morton. Fish dealers, and Trout dealers: Hamilton: for exposing for sale, and did sell speckled trout, contrary to the Statute. - - -

It appears the Trout were legally caught in the Province of Quebec. and shipped by one of the Fish dealers at Quebec; to the Agent at Toronto:- from whom Dyson and Morton, bought them - - - -

It appears the Game Club - in carrying out their duty work employed Mr. Keegan as an informer to go and buy a pound of speckled trout: and he having done so! produced him before James Cahill Esq.re J. P.- and he gave his evidence as I have stated -

Mr. Mein. - Barrister - of the Firm of Crerar and Mein - looked after the case for Dyson and Morton. - and after taking the [illegible] Davis - Fish dealer, and proved regarding the time Speckled trout can be legally caught in Province of Quebec: - the case was adjourned to 9. A.m - on next wednesday morning. -

We will be guided [illegible] I ought to do, and should do in this case. -

I Have the Honor to be. -
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
Jobn D. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Bernet Esq.re
For
The deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. Ont. -

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...orandum for S. C. Bousat Esqre
Fisheries department. -
Ottawa! -

In my Memorandum - respecting the 5. -
additional New Pound nets, - fished in Capt.
McBrides division, County of Legin! - viz:
3. at Port Bruce - and 2. at New Glascow, -
in Lake Erie! you might add them now,
if you have not already done so! to
McBrides returns for last year!! - $
3. at Port Bruce, worth $300. each, = 900. -
2 at New Glascow, -do- " 300. each, = 600. -
Total. - - $. 1500.

and you might add for each Pound -
$1000. - worth of Fish: for each pound net,
that would be $ 5.000. - in all! -
1/2. of which $ 2.500. - add to white fish, -
and 1/2. add to Coarse fish! - $. 2.500. -
which add to amount already sent you:
vizt. $15.118. and the sum total of fish caught
in McBrides - division for year ending on

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31st of December 1884. may be safely
placed at $ 20.118. - -

It should be more, but these additional
pounds - were not fished until late last season,
see McBrides - letter to me of 9th instant.
Excuse me, somehow I thought you should
have this Memorandum! hence it is! -

You say!

"We must not get into a scrape with the Ontario
"Government - further than we are now, if we
"can avoid it, and we must look to our
"Officers to assist us in that direction!" -

My advice has been, is; and shall be! to
our Fishery Overseers. &c. - - - to stand firm! stand
fast by the Fisheries department Ottawa. -
in his own responsibility; -
. I only suspected Hallinan - allowed Parks to
fish Herring gill nets in L. E. last year! I will
be more careful than ever, in my applications for li-
cences - - - and I thank you for your Kind
advice! "The comfort, we are in possession" -
and cannot be Kicked out, nor put out by a Local
statute!! and grit at that of a Hostile nature!!!
God save the Queen! No surrender! Yours &c.

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Hamilton, Ont.
16. March 1885. ---

My dear Hallowell! —

I send you herewith copy letter I received from the department on last Saturday: please strictly govern yourself accordingly! — I want to see you, write and say when and where in Toronto. — Give 3 days notice!!! ---- Yours Truly. —

Wm Hallowell Esqre
Fishery Overseer —
Highland Creek. 3

J. W. Kerr — J. G. —

One Printed licence for year 1885. — 3

D. Sharp Esqre
Fishery Overseer. —
Port Ryerse. —

Mailed on the 16. March 1885. 3 Cent. 3

Copy. —

Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa, 12. March 1885. —

Sir.

In reply to your letter of 23rd ult^o. I beg to state for your information, and that of Overseer Hallowell that this Department does not deem it advisable at present to grant licences for net fishing of any kind in or near the Humber River. —

I am,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
Sd. John Tilton. —
Deputy Minister of Fisheries. —

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Overseer. —
Hamilton — Ont. 3

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Hamilton. Ont.—

My dear Mac!— 16. March 1885.—

I send you by this days mail. a License for Mr. Robert Gillis of Pt. Colborne,— for to fish 600. yards. of 3" inches extension measure. Herring Gill nets,— in Lake Erie: in front of the Town: please hand it to Brother M. Gillis,— from me!.— Tell him, that unless J. H. Smith, applies and obtains a license for himself, he will get fined so will three persons; who are fishing his nets for him.—

I also send you license for Mr. David O. Kinsley. or Kinsley!— please hand them to him: from me, and much oblige me!—

The day after I left your place, at Niagara I took very sick: my right lung got bad, and I had to get a Doctor— stay all day in bed!— not able to move: it was a hard matter for me to get home here!— I am ready better again! I have taken 6 Bottles of stuff.—

Has Stilby fined you?— Drunken man to fine you here! Hmmm! that will be all

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right.— I sent for the licenses, when I receive them I will forward to you for asking.—

Mac come up soon! however write me might what is going on! and if any New Fish net fishermen have started since I left.—

Also my respects Mrs. and Esther and Annie; and a good warm Buffalo robe; the want of this last fall, caused my sickness.—

I hope you are all enjoying good health, remember me Kindly to your family.—

And believe me my dear Sir, and Brother,

Yours fraternally.—

J. H. Farmer

Hamilton. Ont.

P. S. Mr. Neal has
Neal Keyes.—
Port Colborne,—
Ont.—

Private!

Hamilton. Ont.
16. March 1885. —

My dear Sharp. —

Yours of 9th inst. received; my advice is, don't take any further notice of A. Schomacher. — I had a letter from Mr. J. Tribe. Buffalo. — and he will arrange for this sanitary person! —

Last year Schomacher — paid me $5. and this year he paid me $5. for to fish below the Grand River. licence sent to day. — please hand it to him. —

This year, he sent me $5. for to fish between Normandale and Pt. Rowse until 15th April. thence out in Lake Erie. — for balance of season — west of the cut. when I get this licence up from Ottawa. — I will send it to you for to Countersign and deliver! —

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Last year. I think you told me, he paid you $5. for fishing west of the Cut! — so that you see on the whole; you and I. — stile. Keep a head of him! — give him a piece of your mind, and then I would drop him until next time! —

Situated as matters — fishing — are just now; don't make any application about a change in the close seasons! —

The Local Government, have been speaking with our people at Ottawa! —

You and I and all the rest of us, belonging to the Dominion fisheries — Ottawa; must stand firm! I was just recently advised thus! "You must be more careful than ever how you recommend licenses. — We must not get into a scrape with the Ontario Govt. further than we are now, if we can avoid it, and we must look to our officers to assist us in that direction!" —

Govern yourself in fairness accordingly. —

Yours truly. J. W. Kerr. — Fo.

Memorandum: for S. P. Bancroft Esq.
Fisheries department.
Ottawa!—

Have you granted spearing in the Grand River, between Dunnville and Cayuga. I have a letter here on saturday, asking to supply Messrs John Davis, and John Carter. Fish dealers. with 300. pounds of speared fish - weekly. —

Three years ago - you stopped all spearing there! the next year Cameron McCraa, broke the spearing stones, and stopped spearing. Last year they speared in defiance of Cameron McCraa. This year as you may judge. they are at Spearing there, strong and hearty, - and should be fined every one, unless permitted by the department. Ottawa. — — —

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McCraa; who permit such a privilege aspiring to be Lords Gods or Town Beds,
The place where spearing is carried on! is within the dam'd bank, to supply the Feeder of the Welland Canal!
I received 6. Linnaeas for fishing gills, &c. I sent 4. away today. —
When convenient please have the other Linnaeas applied for, sent to me: for delivery. Hard and severe weather! — very cold!!.
Adieu me, with profound respect. —
Yours Obediently. —
J. W. Kerr. — P.O.

Hamilton, Ont.
15. March 1885.

March 5.---

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March. 17th A. Wagner, .
--- Christopher Case.
--- James Clarke. --
--- Thos Haynes, --

For	$	¢	
Seine Licence.	10.	00.	I now send you here-
Spearing Licence,	1.	00.	with, Bank draft No. 43
Spearing Licence,	1.	00.	for $13.- dated Bank
Spearing Licence.	1.	00.	of Montreal, Hamilton.

Total.- $. 13. 00 ¢. March 17. 1885. -

I certify this account for Thirteen dollars is correct. - - - Hamilton, Ont. - 17th March 1885. -

The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries, Ottawa, Ont. -

John Wilson. -
Fishery Overseer. -

L. O. Branch Log 24th
Fisheries Department. -
Ottawa! Ont.
March 18. 1885.
Sir, - I find
Grant Mch 24th William Ed
Thos. Haynes of Niagara!
Clerk Peninsula of Co. -
Fisheries - Please call
- instant Dalhousie!
to my letter A
Deputy Minister, Department of
Ottawa! dated 28th
1885. -
Fisheries in Ontario! -
Yours respectfully, -
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.
14th March 1885.-

Sir

I have the honor to send you Bank draft, No: [illegible], for the sum of Thirteen dollars. - - -

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year as follows: — as per printed return:

1. Christopher Case, Hamilton! "For a license to "spear Bass, Pike and Herring! in Burlington Bay, "from 1st of January, to the 15th April 1885." —
The amount is only, — $1.00

2. James Clarke, Hamilton! "For do, - do, - do, - 1.00

3. Elmer Depass, do. "For do. - do. - do. - 1.00

4. Mrs A. Wagner, Youngstown! "For a license "to fish One Herring Seine, in the Niagara "River; at the Town of Niagara - between "the Tannery, and Half Moon Battery." —
"The seine is to be 100 yards long!" —
The amount herewith is. — $10.00

Total, $13.00

I have the honor to be, —
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
J. Hill Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

The deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries —
Ottawa, Ont. —

Hamilton, Ont.
19. March 1885.-

My dear Frank!

Yours letter received, I applied for the grounds you refer to, including Houghton from the Contra up to the Little Otter! - and I sent 80. I got from Co. J. Tibble, - to the department. I have received no reply yet! - I also applied to Capt. Mc Bride, in your behalf - and here is his reply, thus! "As to the grounds at Port Burwell, East of the Pier - they were promised and secured to Capt. W. Foster of Port Burwell, - he has 4 grounds East of Pier - and there is only 4 miles from Pier to the boundy line; so that there will be no room for Jackson except what he can get in Houghton, there may be some room west of the Pier" - - - So the matter now stands; and you may judge for yourself. -

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Hamilton, Ont.
19. March 1885.-

My dear Jim!-

I received Mrs Wagners, 10.- from you. per letter.

I sent the same to Ottawa, and recommended that she get the license of her late Husbands grounds! -

On receiving the other $10.- you alluded to, for the grounds you refer to, Mr. Jas Fields point to the Cannery. - I will make the application! -

Alex! send me Mrs Wagners Christian names! and the present applicants name in full! length of line! no sturgeon Hooks will be allowed in the River this year. - Send at once and answer this letter immediately. - My Kind regards to Mrs Lamb. - I have been sick, seen more walk again! Thank the Lord, all I have and all that is within me bless his holy name! - Yours V. Jackson - Jr.

Memorandum.- for S. O. Bancroft Esqre
Fisheries department,
Ottawa.! -

It has come out just as you expected!
See article from Mail of yesterday. —

Yours Respectfully. ———

Hamilton. Ont,
20. March 1885.

J. W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

Private.

Hamilton. Ont.
19. March 1885.

My dear Mansfield,

Yours of the 16th inst. ult. I will apply today for a license for you to fish for Pike in the Bay - I will recommend the license to be extended to 24th May next.

I have no record of getting any money as license fee from Ab: Stover or any one else from the Bay last year. -

Lakie - paid me for you! Wm McCart - paid me for a license to fish - he had me send it to him at Whitby. -

Now if Ab: Stover desires to fish he had better pay up for last year, if not, he will be disqualified to fish any more; and pay in advance for this year! -

I read about the recovir of G. T. R. stole goods. - I saw an aff't of Maguires arrest in the Mail - As a matter of course, I could not have spent so much of my time for the last 20 years in Pickering without knowing who Maguire was! - Tell all about him - his sister - I believe is married to John Hatterack! -

I heard about Robberies in past years! it was out of my line of business - and I never meddled in it. -

Now if I was to see you, I could tell you how to act, and you might be able to obtain what you allude to. - When will the Trial come off finally! -

It has been a hard winter, could you spear any fish in the Bay, if I was get you a license - answer. -

I got a couple of chills - during the winter! my right lung was slightly affected! - I am much better now! -

I hope your wife and family are in good health. - Kindly remember me. -

Believe me. -
Yours Sincerely. -
J. W. Kerr. - J. P.

Wm Thomas Mansfield, -
Shawanaki Bay. -

Hamilton, Ont.
20. March 1885.

Sir...

I have to report for your information, that by the annexed document cut by me from the "Toronto Mail of 19th instant," - you will find it is in contemplation to build and construct a Railway on the Bank of the Niagara River; between the G. T. Railway Bridge, Niagara Falls Station, and the village of Queenston... within the Counties of Lincoln, and Welland. - -

This railway, is not intended for the purposes of Trade and Commerce: nor yet for Military purposes, but is to be got up and put in operation by a few speculators, for speculation purposes. - - -

This railway is not to be constructed, I am lead to believe, on the top of the Bank of the Niagara River; but it is to be constructed on an unsafe formation or ledge of rock and other material, that for Ages have been crumbling down and slipped and formed on the edge of the Niagara River: at the base of the Niagara River high bank! - And where it annually falls increases! -

It is on this accumulation of stones earth, and debris: this contemplated railway is to be built. - -

Under Queenston Heights, slides will be & anticipate dangerous and murderous! in fact, I would not hesitate in saying that no property will not be safe after the railway is built. - - - If allowed to be run! -

It is fully 18 years ago... in travelling from Suspension Bridge station, to the Town of Niagara, with the late Colonel Coffin, then in charge of the Ordnance Lands: He told me, - That there were two chains wide, left along the Niagara River, for a Military Road! - And for Military purposes! - - -

S. P. Bennett Esqre
For
The deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries -
Ottawa - Ont

However, in giving you the preceding details, those were only the one thing in which I am interested personally that induced me to do so. - -

In constructing and grading the Road bed for this Railway!- all the material (surplus) is to be dumped into the Niagara River! - - Will that be right or proper!!. -

And under Queenston Heights, - where Colonel Coffin; laid off 19. fishing berths, and where fishing is, and has been carried on for more than 50 years, - for 20 years and 3 months, under my own personal observation and Knowledge!. This railway if built on the bank of the Niagara river will absolutely ruin the fisheries at Queenston Heights. - - In the past season

Besides it will obliterate by slides, - for the bank is filled with springs, - that particular spot where a few British Regulars and the Militia of Canada; under Sir. Isaac Brock - "General!" drove the invaders over the Queenston Heights. and won a most brilliant battle. - 1812

With due respect, - Respectfully submitted. -

I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. -

Your Obedient Servant. -

"Thos. W. Keefer." -

Fishery Overseer. -

P.S.

If this Railway. is built on the top of the Bank of the Niagara River! well and good! - provided it was for Trade and Commerce. - - But is to be Railway built under the declivity of overhanging rocks and land slides in some places - dangerous to life and property. Meredith - can handle the case, just as well as he did Fraser's fishery bill if taken in hand by him!.

T. W. Keefer. - J. -

Hamilton. Ont.

Sir. - 20. March 1885. -

I have the honor to apply to you. for a Boat license for Steam stern gill. of Frenchmans Bay. -

For the fish 600. yards of Pike gill net. in that part of Lake Ontario; known as Frenchmans bay. -

This license may be permitted to continue until the 24th of May next; for good and substantial reasons. - -

1st There are no ice there!

2nd The Ice there at present is 3 feet, and in shallower water is frozen to the bottom. - -

It will be late this year, before the Ice is melted in Frenchmans Bay. -

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this license. - The bay, is situated in the township of Pickering. - The amount is to be $10.00 for this current year. -

I have the Honor to be, -

Sir, -

Your Obedient Servant. -

John W. Kerr -

Fishery Overseer

The deputy Minister,
department of Fisheries, -
Ottawa! -

Hamilton Ont.—
20. March 1885.

Dear Sir. In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. I have to report that for the last 30 + years,— since Sturgeon were supposed to be caught in the Niagara River, Lower and Township Line Hauling grounds,— with Hooks and Lines: white fish seemed to have been taken from these localities.—

I have come to the conclusion, to recommend to you, that no — more Hooks and Lines — Sturgeon fishing — be allowed in the Niagara River — nor in any Lawful hauling ground,— in the River — the Lower Township, during this current year. —

I recommend that you will be pleased to have a Note to this effect; placed on each License issued or to be issued to Niagara fishermen,— fishing within the limits — I have described: nor within 2. miles of the south side of the Niagara River current, during year 1885. —

Abundance of White fish, I hear, — were caught at Belleville, in Lake Ontario; but none in Niagara River! — Respectfully submitted.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
J. H. Wilkes —
Fishery Overseer —

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa! —

Private!

Hamilton, Ont.
22. March 1895.

My dear Gilchrist. —

Yours of 21st received! —
You say! — "I thought I would drop you
a line to ask your opinion about the Local
Women taking the Fisheries?" —

In answer to this I may tell you,
now that the Bill is passed! it is only
intended for the protection of the seals down
in the Province of Ontario! —

However, in introducing the Bill, — attempt
to make believe that Ontario! was robbed by
Dominion Government of the Fisheries, — but
Meredith opened the Hon: Clerk's eyes —
for him! I had a copy of the Bill sent
me which I sent to Ottawa: and the
opinion I gave them was! that the Local
Government Toronto — could not meddle
with our Navigable waters, covered by
the international laws of the Dominion of
Canada, and in this I am upheld in
Ottawa! — 1.

The case was however to be submitted to
The Minister of Justice. — I have not yet
heard the result. — —

You say! —
What the consequences will be to us, I
think it will be bad! — the Local will
not pay any thing to protect the Fisheries,
of course we could not afford to do the
Fisheries without pay and board ourselves.
Please give me your idea of the matter.

In reply — I candidly tell you that I, so far,
see no cause to be alarmed! all you, and I,
and many Faith-Full Overseers — of the Dominion
Government, Fishery department, Ottawa! —
(Yours to dy;
is to remain true and Faithful, to our own
Fisheries department, Ottawa! who treat us
Kindly and well! for upwards of 20 years,
under every circumstance. — I have on the
whole been treated well! —

And I will here give you the same
advice, I have received from an old
tried head friend of mine! "You must

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"be more careful than ever, how you treat
"your Enemies." He must not get into a
"Scrape with the Entire Government. Gentle
"when we are weak, if we can resist it.
"You must look to your officers to assist us
"in that direction!"

This sentence sustains every thing that
is necessary for you and I to know and
my determination is to hold on to the fol-
lowing Department. Ottawa. —

Instruct you to do the same! Just by
this the general feeling: what we hope
for and! will - by big hand! —

Now for the Fourth thing - to
show he every dog has his day. —

With these sentiments of my mind,
and my kind and warm regards, —

Believe me as ever and always!
a Sincere friend!

J. W. Keefer
Civil Engineer.

Charles Gilchrist Esq.
J. Carruthers.
Port Hope, Ont.

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My dear Gilchrist! —

For some weeks past, first
you - how well on the Sea - at Kingston -
Lake Erie. my left arm was severely bruised.
Then at Point Edward, - Lake Huron - I
got a bad chill, - got over it as I thought
when another chill - on L. Erie - completely
laid me up. my right lung for the first time
being badly affected. - I am now well again. —

As a matter of course there will be some Order from
the Department Ottawa - regarding the unsatisfactory conduct of the Local Government. —

And unless there is! you're doing your
duty as heretofore! - as no man can serve
two masters! except Gentlemen one, who will
give us duty! and hold on to the other, who
pays!! - that are reasonably. - I am al-
ways glad to hear from you! —

I have been a good deal employed on
Georgian Bay - Lake Huron &c. for the last
2 years, besides on my own division. —

Yours &c. J. W. Keefer C.E.

Hamilton, Ont.
22. Dec. 1855.

Memorandum! for S. O. Bunset Esqre
Fisheries department.
Ottawa!—

Yours received re= Capt: McBride,— I go on tuesday morning.— Having made an ap= pointment with Gallivan— I go from here at 9. a. m — monday morning to Toronto, and arrange about gills net fishing for Herring, Trout, and White fish: by those Gallivan fishermen at the Humber! they must keep away out in the Lake. On my return from St Thomas, after I send you my report,— I want to go to Lake Erie, and Niagara: and I would like to go there with all the boat and other boxes I have already applied for.— I can deliver & collect fees:— if convenient send them on.

The Game secretary,— Harper, had Dixon Co. up before Jas: Gibbs Esqre J. P. on yesterday! he adjourned case for a week,— after taking evidence— that the Trout

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speckled,— came from Quebec!— I was sum= monsed as a witness,— but gave no evidence... Magistrate wishes to see me, before he gives his decision! will see him on monday after my return from Toronto.—

If I fine, the party who sold the fish, will appeal to The Minister!—

The case is similar to a case tried in 1879,— at Toronto— when Major Draper, hired Trout shipped from New Brunswick— to Clayton!— after several adjournments— the Magistrate; Col: Denison— dismissed the case... I shall do all I can to wind up and straighten up McBrides case!—

Geo Wallace— was once M. P. for Lynn!— he was M. P. for south Norfolk,— Clarke, for North,— Norfolk.—

I suppose you know— McBride is a grit, but not a rabbid grit— I shall take him finally in hand this time, and no mistake!...

I am no Grangeman!— altho' I was the one, "No surrender"— on a recent occasion!—

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Hey are too- too- expensive for me!—
Sometime when I come to Ottawa! I will talk these matters with you; which are of no little moment at all to me!—
"Fear God! Honour the Queen, and my Country! and Love my neighbour, without "any distinction of Creed! as myself".—
And do my duty in that state of life unto which it hath pleased God to call me!" I know any thing else that is good for you- to add to this!—
Please don't forget, my 1000. page letter Book.— 9½". inches wide; 13½ inches long.— outside cover!—
It was very cold up here for more than a week past! and my right leg has had a hard struggle. six bottles of Medicine gobbled up, a great sponge and flannels,— I am now about the Last letter, for his many extra ill favor ever!.— Yours Respectfully.—
Hamilton. Ont.
22. Jan: 1885.

J. W. Kerr— P.O.

To. Dan: Lewis Esqre Clerk,— Hamilton, Ont. 17. March 1885.—
Clerk of the Peace Registrar and Deputy,— Assessors of the Town of Niagara Ont.—

Gentlemen!

Will you be pleased to assess me for the Empty lot.— and the Corner lot.— for this current year, 1885. as in one assessment.— I have no Tenant. Your compliance will much oblige,—

Yours Respectfully.—
John W. Kerr
Livery Keeper,

P.S. Hey are situated in the Town of Niagara

Private!

Hamilton, Ont.
23. March 1885.

My dear Ramsay,—

Your postal Card - received after you left. - Write me on receipt. I am off for Toronto today, — off to St. Thomas on tomorrow! drop me a line in the mean time you need not fear me, will come to Ridgeway on my return home! —

I had a letter from Lahaye of Killarney lately, he and your brother got fined $20.- for fishing a Pound net, in the North Channel, Manitoulin Islands, without a license last year! wanted me to get the fine off.

dont fail writing, your letter will be here on my return. —

I have been very sick, my right lung got badly affected, am just getting well again. Kind regards to you and all.

Yours fraternally. J. D. Hay. F.A.

Hamilton, Ont. —
24. March 1885. —

Sir.

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No. 111 for Eight dollars, for

Will you be pleased to apply this as Boat licenses, for this current year as follows: —

1. Messrs George White, and John Croudfoot of the Town of Whitby.... for a license to fish 800 yards "of Pike gills net in Whitby Harbour. — Lake Ontario, "during this current year: say up to the 15th day "of April next. — After that date the same gills nets "are to be fished in Lake Ontario for Trout fish: — "for the balance of this year, in front of said Har- "bour, to extend one mile from the shore for the "said distance: and said gills nets may be fished "out of two Boats, — the amount herewith is. — $ 8.00.

I recommend the granting of this License, for your consideration. — Respectfully submitted. — —

I have the Honor to be, —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr. —

Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister. —
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa, Ont.

Copy.-

Port Burwell.---
January. 6th 1885.-

Mr. McBride,

Sir.-

I want three grounds,-
west of the Pier next spring.-

Yours.-
"Signed."
Geo. A. Brown,-
Fishery Overseer.-
Hamilton. Ont.

"A correct Copy."-
J. W. Kerr.-
Lt. Thomas.-
24th March 1885.-

Copy.-

Port Burwell,-
March. 17th 1885.-

Mr. McBride.-

Sir.-

I now apply for the privilege to put in four Pounds, west of the Pier, if all right.- Answer at once, and oblige,-

Yours.-
"Signed."
G. A. Brown.-
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton. Ont.

"A correct copy."-
J. W. Kerr.-
Lt. Thomas.-
24th March 1885.

St. Thomas, Ont.
24th March 1886.-

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. George A. Brown's letter, dated Port Burwell, March 11th 1885, addressed to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, stating that he on the 19th of August last applied to me for license to fish four pounds in Lake Erie,- 2 west of Port Burwell Harbour, and 2, east of the Harbour.

I admit he done so, and I replied, as per copy of my letter, addressed to Mr. Geo: A. Brown, dated St. Thomas, August 21st/84.-

But Mr. Brown, now attempts to mislead you, by misrepresenting facts.-

He should have told you, that on the 6th of January last, he applied to me, for 3 grounds, west of pier,- Copy letter enclosed herewith.-

Even more recently,- and since he wrote his letter of complaint, dated on the 11th March instant, to The Hon. The Minister, &c, he has applied to me, on the 17th of March instant, for the privilege to put in 4, four pounds west of the pier of Port Burwell,- My reply was in the affirmative, and at the time, it was satisfactory.-

The second application Mr. Brown made!- I also send you a certified copy of same!-

Therefore! I recommend that you will be pleased to grant George A. Brown, of Port Burwell, a license for to fish 4 pound nets, single pots, or heads, in Lake Erie; at the usual rate of $40. per pound for season of 1885.-

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa.- 1/

Sup! commencing at the West pier of the Harbour at Port Burwell, thence up Lake Erie, along the shore for a distance of four miles! — The same being situated in the township of Bayham. —

To extend outwards from the beach, within the given limits for a distance of two miles. —

I have to report that I shall in future, on all occasions, submit all applications made to me for licences to fish, direct to you for consideration and approval: —

Respectfully submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant. —
Alexr. McBride
Fishery Overseer.

Note! — In perusing these documents, I think you will agree with me that Mr. Fisher, of Port Burwell, has no substantial cause of complaint. — Besides I advise Duncan A. McBride to explain the case to you, and at the same time recommend (as it does not interfere with any one) that Brown receive a license for the fish & grounds, — in compliance with his last application of the 17th ult. March instant, which I hope will meet your approval. . . .

Hamilton, Ont. — 31 March 1866. — Yours respectfully, — J. W. Kerr, . . Sup.

Sir,-

Hamilton, Ont.

25th March 1885....

I am in receipt of your pres copy of letter, dated 19th inst. instant, addressed by the deputy Minister of Fisheries to Alexander McBride, Esqre Fishery Overseer, St Thomas.

The first thing to which the attention of the Overseer was drawn, is this:- You say, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, respecting the difficulty between John Elsinore Jr^m and M. Payne,- Comd not. fishermen, Port Stanley, Lake Erie.-

I may here report, that I accompanied Overseer McBride from St Thomas, to Port Stanley, this forenoon.-

By a previous arrangement made - we were met by Captn M. Payne,- John Elsinore, Jr^m and John Elsinore,- Comd not. fishermen,- in Lake Erie: fishing. boat, and then, of Port Stanley - Harbour.- Having heard the parties of both sides,- I found nothing in the case, on which to ground a complaint... After some considerable talk, the matter was amicably settled between Elsinore and Payne,- subject to your approval.-

The fact is, Overseer McBride, will in future, acting under my advice - on such occasions!- where persons apply for licenses for to fish, submit the same to you for your consideration and adjudication.

The complaint so far as Mr John Elsinore, Jr^m was concerned, was no complaint at all!- and if it could be construed to me as such, which I failed to discover.- Mr J. Elsinore, Jr^m acting under a misapprehension, is hereby to blame.- And I entirely acquit Overseer McBride, of doing wrong in this case: except withholding from dep^t

The facts are as follows:- Mr John Elsinore Jr^m has

S. O. Ranichay Esqre

For The deputy Minister,

Department - Fisheries -

Ottawa - Ont

pension for Conner McBride, for the year 1. Conner is Lake his case of the Henry Indian during the year: but for other cases of this kind he only files a pension; and then he pays the license for the year! the usual amount of $40. for each! which is $240,- pays to Conner McBride,-

What he never has, what he never pays for, nor requires for an other year; he shows not complain about.. Mr Brown, asks for that 2 Conner not battle. this year, which he refuses and refuses to supply last year; he, this life imagines he has a claim on them! supply against on them! without the sanction of the department. The thing is preposterous!

Brown, lying on this other case. I am happy to report, that any late appears existing between Major Lewis, and Agent, has been entirely settled and arranged this day, in my presence and in the presence of one and each other....

Agent has no more to say on the subject as to the time of filing complaint, being over at his time, to the Major Lewis of last January. — And the slight trouble having for some time passed, is now finally arranged....

The situation is that Major Lewis, and Lewis interest in the sanction of the Lewis expedient, — failing about eighteen Cows this season; within a distance of about 18 miles! in appearance of by you, at the usual rate of $40. per pound, for the season....

Conner McBride, is now preparing a stockade, showing the position of Cows nets, as failed last season in Lake Lewis, pointing on the County of Logan....

And as the situation is, to be failed during this season.

The stockade you sent him, for the purpose, with when completed, by Conner McBride, satisfactorily explain all this much better than I can do just yet awhile....

Conner McBride is competent for this task, and

in going on, in the right direction with this work. —

Comm. McPherson has written me to say he proposes that he will soon make a direct proposition again to my fellow-citizens in his new letter to Jos: A. Brown, Esq. Boston! the application will be sent the Department, subject to the approval of the proper Officer. —

Comm. McPherson, expresses to me his intention, to look in future straight to the department, and is now determined to assist the department to the utmost of his ability. —

Now is what is proposed, to be laid before you, an application for the grist House, in Lake Erie, in front of Sandy & Legin, during this current year, by Comm. Alexander McPherson, late Navy. —

1st Sept. Com. Mc Pherson, Ohio, a steam grist & saw mill, eight pairs, one saw, in Lake Erie, from the last fix. Port Huron, Huron, and the Township one Sandy Lt. between Legin and Maple, near Detroit River, distance between the grist Mills four miles, during this current season, at $40. per pound. Total $160.00.

2nd Jos: A. Brown, Port Huron. — for application with Ohio, to grist four Barrels out of Port Huron, Huron: distance 4 miles, at the usual rate of $40.- per pound, Total $160.00

3rd A. Young Ohio Ohio. Port Huron; Ohio, to grist, Two pairs mills, in Lake Erie - at Port Huron, during this current year. — Ohio is off point Rose, - at the usual rate of $40 per pound. — Total amount is $200.00.

4. John Rice, Fort Stanly — To a license to sell
Spirituous Liquors, — Sixty Days, Rent of
the Stanly Arms, one week of Encampment
at Fort Stanly, one Horse, one week at Ditto
do 14 Horses, — the amount will be of Ditto.

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5. John Lewis, Jr. Fort Stanly. — To a license to
sell Spirituous Liquors — One Horse immediately west
of Fort Stanly Stockade. —
One of Horses in Little Rio, west of the
Stockade where is the Encampment
One week, sixteen Miles, at the usual
Rate, during this present year of 40 Horses
Horses. — Total amount of $20.00/.

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6. Mosby John Hunt one — Robert — Tennessee —
To a license to sell Spirituous Liquors, in Little
Rio for this year one month, — Ditto Encampment
at the usual rate of $40,- each during this present
year. — Total amount is $20.00/. —

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7. James Lewis — Tennessee — To a license to
sell Spirituous Liquors in Little Rio at Tennessee,
during this present year, at the usual rate of $40.
per Annum. — Total amount is $ 80.00/. —

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8. Col. Jackson, Emanuel; To a license to
sell 4 Horses each, in Little Rio, at Eagle, during
this present year, at $40 each; Total $160.00/.

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9. Robert Mosby, New Glarus; — To a license
to sell 2 Horses in Little Rio, at New Glarus
during this present year; at the usual Rate of
$40,- each. — Total amount of $ 80.00/.

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Now as regards the amount of Mr. Latimer's fine for the Police expenses, for year ending 31st December 1894, by Comm. Alexander McBride...

Mr McBride informed me that it was only a question of a little more time, and while I give you in the same language it was reported to me.—

Having informed Comm. Alexander McBride, the presiding officer, I received from you about the year 1894.—

Comm. McBride replied to me as follows:—

I have taken ... of Mr Thomas, pm. P. for Lot ... I wish from the Police, please me a charge of the Natal Police Force.— Mr Thomas, for he worked me from the same; I requested that you should be sent for the police of year, in the Comm. of Mr Thomas' case Police Office, pm. P. who made that he might be when he should have from Natal.—

Comm. McBride, hopes that, with the anticipation of you!—

The year, which was for I Comm. Police by Mr Thomas Henry Ley, at Port Natal, last year ended the year, which of the said amount year 1894.— that is the one, the Police Department,— by Comm McBride, of the County of Natal on behalf from one for year 1894.—

And this amount is paid into the Natal Police Department with your above Comm. McBride, he hand the instructions for this amount year!— I have also a good opinion of his report,— Knowing him so long.—

The Letter of was recently written on, and entitled, — the City of Port Natal,— by my above majesty..

Comm,— McBride, is a little opposed, because he believes it will ruin the place....

If it was known by the respectable Comm. McBride! what little squabbles are settled at Port

Private!

Memorandum for S. O. Bennet Esq re
Fisheries department. —
Ottawa —

In the evening - after me McBride and myself, got back from Port Stanley, to St. Thomas John Ellison Jr came up to see me. - still half satisfied, and whole satisfied at our decision. -

I may as well tell you these people so secretly at variance, all empide in me! —

Ellison - wanted a licence to fish gill nets, - I called McBride, and it was arranged the application was to be submitted to the department. - I wrote it off, got McBride to sign it, put the licence fee of 5 - in the letter, and despatched same as a registered letter. And I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this licence. — Other applicants for such licences - will soon follow. —

Not having any thing to do, I amused myself, in writing notes down in my Memorandum book, so as to enable me to tell you

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what McBrides program is to be this year, - so far as the fishing is concerned. —

The Scott Act, being passed in St. Thomas has put every one for and against it, in a flurry. My own impression is, such places as the Hutchison House - will in consequence go down. - - -

McBride is a daily opponent to the act, and is now trying to upset the proceedings as illegal at last recent Election. - If he succeeds well and good. - if he does not, then - down goes the Hutchinson House. - and the licence money, spent at the instance of Dr Wilson M. P. and his 4. compatriots - may go too. - it is hard to say, and harder the Judge. - I have no authority for saying this, I surmise it. - thumb up a stump, and it will indicate how the wind blows! —

Should Dr Wilson, M. P. go home to St Thomas during the Easter Holidays - I will watch for him and go up there again! — It is too much money for to lose any way. - God Knows I feel very sore and quite oppressed over so much of these things of this Kind happening -

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For instance, Brigham - Patton, Mein, and now Mr Bride! - You will have to adopt a remedy to prevent it happening so much in future. - I talked to Mr Bride - as a friend, and he feels keenly over the affair. - Failed in getting the money from - person he expected to get it from, in 2 weeks after I made my first demand for it. - And he now goes back on Dr Wilson, et al - from whom he is sure to get it, and if you fail says I, what then!! - Look at the position you get into, and perhaps you may get others into it also! - Is it any wonder, that the dept at Ottawa, are becoming alarmed: 2g O. Act Field Comm. and 8. Semis Comm. - failed, - to the amount of £1,201. - out of which you paid in to department £160. - leaving £1,041. still due to the F. department. -

All I ended up after this, was to add the 5 additional pounds - I reported to you, to his former dept. thus showing that he Mr Bride owes the dept. at this present time £1,041. -

3.

Why! I said Dr Wilson - ch. C. - might settle the matter with the department for you - while attending Parliament - at Ottawa. - But Mr Bride - answered in reply - the Dr knew nothing about his spending the Fisheries money, - that when he did, he would pay it for him. - I done my best to succeed, that! - you may plainly see. -

And as usual,

Your much Obliged, and
Obedient Servant. -
John W Kerr
Field Engineer.

P.S.

I again saw Pt Stanley. - where 39 years ago I first landed in Canada! say on 26. August 1846. - And I slept in the Statehouse House, on the same plan - but in another House - that I slept on 26th of August 1846, - owned by a Mr Statehouse. - the present house called after him. - Alas Ford, - for all his morals to me! and your many friends also! may you also live and die for a noble good purpose! -

4. John W Kerr - F.C.

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Hamilton. Ont.
27. Jan: 1885. —

Dear Madam. —

On the 2nd inst. of March, with whom sick. — I made application for a Game hunting license for you to fish a Brook trout, and a white fish ranch, in the Niagara River, between Ransom's wharf, and Kennedy's Hotel, situated in the Town of Niagara, and I recommended the same to be given to Miss Jane Leech, of Niagara during this current year, at the rate of fifteen dollars — for 1885. — On my return home here on last Thursday evening. I found your license had been granted by the Fisheries department, and were waiting my arrival home from St Thomas, and St Stanley. — I also received for you — Trout license !! — You will have the grounds also to yourself this year. —

I remain now in Your name. —

Yr.

and have Hobo — Yr. ale ready in time for early fishing. — I feel nervous to day, and cannot write ! — I hope you are all well. — Except me, ale are well. — Emma has — Will Kind regards, — to Mrs Leech Yr. Yr. Yr. Yours Sincerely, —

John Wilkes — P.O.

Miss Jane Leech. —

The River fishers. —

Niagara. —

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Memorandum! for Messrs Brown, and
" Mann.—
Barristers.— Hamilton.—
Ont.—

"The Close season"— for speckled trout in the Province of Quebec,— is from the 1st October, to the 31st December, in each year, consequently! they can be caught on the 1st January.— F. F. F. F.—

And afterwards sold in the Province of Ontario,— it being only necessary— to notify the Local Fishery— Officer,— of the receipt of the Fish,— and produce to him— the invoice, or bill of sale!— By doing this, the legal onus is given, and proof established; that these speckled trout, came legally into Messrs Dixon and Morton's possession.— See section No: 11.— of the Fisheries Act! and the same has been in operation for several years,— Tried in Toronto, and dismissed!!...—

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Take it for granted, that the law was broken in this case: then McKeagan, the informer, employed by the Game club— to buy these speckled trout, would be equally guilty for buying: as Messrs Dixon, & Morton, would be for selling!—

The Magistrate cannot, and could not or should not discriminate in this case,— where the law is not broken,— by fining the parties who sell! and permitting the person who buys— the employed public informer to go scotts free! there is no such provision made for such infamous characters in the Fisheries Act.....

However, should the Magistrate fine Messrs Dixon and Morton,— You can petition the Minister of Marine and Fisheries; he has power to remit the fine! see sub section 6. of section 16. of the Fisheries Act.— Sam. Gentleman!—

Hamilton. Ont.— (Yours respectfully.—
30. March 1885. F. Jo. Hill Kerr.—
2. Fishery Overseer;

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Hamilton. Ont.
30. March 1885.

Dear Sir. —

I am in receipt of a letter from the Fisheries department, Ottawa. — instructing me to locate you between the Number and Port Credit, at such a place as I would deem advisable to locate you for Pound net fishing! provided it is not less than 2 miles above the Number.

Now please you please, notify me, and I will come down, establish you there, apply, recommend and get you up your license immediately. —

Your friend Mr Watkins has been to the department at Ottawa, in your behalf. and knows my intentions. Regards on your part. I go to Lake Erie, today, home — tomorrow, or Wednesday. —

With Kind regards —

Yours Sincerely. —

Jas. Kerr.

Fishery Overseer.

Charles Kerr Esq.
Jordan
Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
30. March 1885. —

My dear Gilbert. —

Why man alive! you have forgotten altogether, for to send me your license money, — for either last year, or this! — In receipt please send me at once your last years license money — $15.00 —.

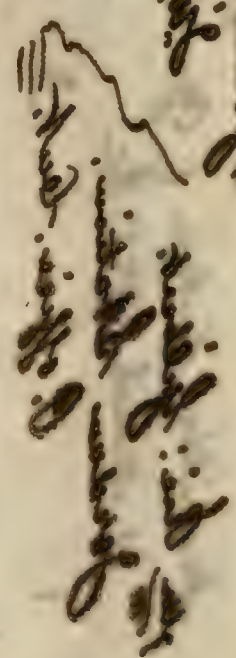
I had a letter a short time ago, from Peter Nath. dutch Pete — and he told me then, you were catching abundance of fish. — Now you must not delay any longer, — send money on receipt. I am held responsible for all back licenses! because I am not permitted to let any one fish until I first receive the license fee! —

I hope you are all well, and with Kind regards — as usual! —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. W. Kerr — F. O.

Mr Chas: Gilbert.
Jordan Station.
C. Office. Ont.



Private!

Memorandum. for S. O. Bouchette Esq.
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa! — Ont.

I am in receipt of yours regarding a place for Bruce to fish his Pounds not.— I have written him to appoint a day.—and will come down and locate him! but not within 2 miles of the Stumber, off in direction of Port Credit.— Just where I advised him to apply for!— when his former application was refused on the 4th instant.———

I am very glad and delighted to hear from you how you fixed Overseer General Johnson!!—

I hope my report on Overseer McBrides, division, will be of some service to you, after I received copy of letter.— you wrote me to await for.— and I joined in getting the $1041.— for you! I found you expected something else from me, and so I made report of 25th and Memorandum of 27th instant. and sent you

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the same on last Saturday.—

The frontage of the County of Elgin, is about 60 miles.— McBride, proposes to place the Pounds about 1, mile apart.— It is all good ground for driving stakes for the Pounds.

Ellison and Price were most anxious that I should come up and see them again. I promised to do so under and with your sanction.———

Mr Manuel Payne— is Post Master, Customs Officer, and Express Agent— at Port Stanley.— John Price is a Dry goods— Merchant,— and John Ellison Jr is the Owner of a Steamer and other valuable property.— and Schooner,— is a Carpenter and Builder.— They are all I believe sound Conservatives, and supporters of The Right Hon Sir John A. Macdonald.— And I could see that Price and Ellison— are with each other in fishing.—

I would thank you to take me what is a double header,— pound net,— and oblige your humble servant.———

2.

I found on opening my diary, - that I was 21 days, - since 17th October last, employed occasionally, at one thing or another - in Coroner D. Sharpe - division - County of Norfolk, and Haldimand - Lake Erie! he having broken his right leg, - he is now able to walk with a stick, and able to attend to his own duty himself. - As the deputy instructed me to attend to Mr Sharpe - division - during his incapacity, - please fix my remuneration. -

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I was 12 days, - engaged in Port Edward, - matters, - preparing reports, - Vc. for the settlement of that little difficulty! please fix remuneration? - -

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I have been engaged on, and off, in making an enquiry into Coroner - Alexander Mr Rides, - deficiency $1041, - for 16 days, - making reports, - Vc. to you on the subject. please fix remuneration for this? -

3.

When John Gunsalle, - fisherman - had to stop fishing last summer in Toronto Bay, and in Ashbridges Bay - Toronto, - he had to sell off his Nets, - and Boats, -

I require a good strong Boat, for Niagara, and to use perhaps 4 miles from Gull Island - Lake Erie, - where the Americans - from Cleveland, this, steal a fishing gill net occasionally! - I shall try and catch them this year!! -

I paid $60. for the Boat, it is worth $80, - which was the price Gunsalle paid for it! - I have a sail and 2 pair of Oars - for her! - that I can use her! -

Now so I thought I would give you these things: so that you would be pleased to arrange them for me: that I may just be in during this present quarter. -

I go Monday morning to Port Colborne, Welland, - Lake Erie. - Respectfully - submitted. Hamilton, Ont. 4 J.W. Kerr - J.P. -

29. March 1885 -

P.S. "Going out like a lamb!" -

Hamilton, Ont.—
30. March 1885.—

My dear Doctor.—

Many and warm thanks to you for the Blue Books.—

The Hon. Kilcut, and you are my kind friends during every Session of the House of Commons,—held yearly at Ottawa.—

I have been promised promotion, and whenever it comes it will be most acceptable! and with my sincere and warm regards to you.—

Believe me,—my friend!—

Your obedient Servant,—

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Cruiser.

Doctor Lewis Springer,
M. D.— &c.
House of Commons,—
Ottawa, Ont.—

Hamilton, Ont.—
30. March 1885.—

My dear Sir,—

Many, and sincere thanks to you for the Blue Books I received from you! also, your kind letter intimating to me that you had an interview with The Hon. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, about my promotion.—

I have heard no more about it since, except that since I got your letter, I have been ordered on duty to St. Thomas, and Point Edward,—to investigate matters in behalf of the fisheries department, and report thereon, and this I have done.— With due respect.

I am,—My dear Sir,—

Your obedient Servant.—

John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Cruiser.

W. E. Kilcut Esq.
M. P.— &c. House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.-
31st March 1885.-

Sir,

I have the honor to send you Bank draft No: 479.- for the sum of Eight dollars,-

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year, as follows:-

1. Anthony Stunt, Bertie.- "For a Boat license, to fish 600. yards- Herring gill nets.- 3½ inch mesh, extension measure; in Lake Erie, between Mud mile point, and Point Abino! Township of Bertie. to extend from the beach, outwards within said given limits for a distance of 3 miles!- No gill net to be set, nor fished within 2 miles of a Pound net!- the amount for this current year, is sent herewith.- $. 5.00 cts.

2. Frank Wyatt.- South!- "For a Boat license to fish 500. yards of Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, during this current year. the amount to be the same as last year."- The mesh of gill net to be 3½". inch mesh extension measure.. To be in every respect, same as last year!.-

Also seine seine 250 yards long in Lake Ontario, between East side of Paulings farm and west side of 16 mile pound, to extend outwards for a distance of 3 miles for gill nets,- the total amount for all,- herewith is to be!- $. 5.00 cts.

Please refer to the printed return.- $. 10.00 cts.

I have the Honor to be.-

Sir.-

Your Obedient Servant.-

John W Kerr.-

Fishery Overseer

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa!-

March. 5.---

1885.

March. 24.	Messrs. George White..	Boat license			
	" John Broadfoot.-	for fish 800			
	Whitby.-	yards.- Pike			
		gills not.-	8.	00	Sent on 24th March. Bank draft. No. 457. for $8.- dated Bank Montreal, Hamilton. 24. Mar: 1885.-
do. 31.	Anthony Hunt.---	For Boat			
	Bertie. L. Erie.	license....	5,	00,	Now sent you. Bank draft, No. 479.- dated Montreal Bank. 31st Mar. 1885 Hamilton.
do. 31.	Frank Wyatt.-	For Boat			
	South.- L. Ontario.	license.	5.	00.-	
			$, 18.	00 cy.	

Certify this account for $18.00 cy. is correct....
Hamilton, Ont. 31. March 1885.-

John W. Kerr
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries.-
Ottawa. Ont.

James White Esqre
M.P.- Agent.
No: 5. Customs
Hamilton. Ont.

Bankers. Ont.
Sept 6. 1884
2nd April 1885.

Dear Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. and in reply would say that I have much difficulty in getting my fishermen to report their catch, and I am sorry to say that it is a habit that is very prevalent on the shore. I have also had my self the difficulties to contend with, but I am glad to say that I have succeeded in getting them to report regularly. I have made it a practice to draw on the Fishermen for their principle - as soon as the fish are taken. I find that this works very satisfactorily and I am in receipt of a number of letters from fishermen asking me to get returns done so that they can get their money. I am sorry that I cannot send you a statement of the catch for the month of March, but I will do so for April. I remain Yours truly
John W. Kerr

Mailed on 1st
April 1885.

John Price Esqre
Merchant.
Va. Va. Va.
Port Stanley.
Fishery
Act. Ont.

Mailed on 1st
April 85. Fishery Act.

Mr John M. Offord.
Fisherman,
Near the Welle Creek.
Township of Niagara.
Niagara. P. Office.
Ont.

Mailed on 1st April.
85. Fishery act.

O. E. Dunlop Esqre
Fish Dealer.
Suspension Bridge.
N. Y.

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John William Kerr.—

Hamilton

1st January, 31st March 5

	1885.					in miles.	
January.	10.	At Port Credit, to see Woolcott and Reid,	1.	6½ M.S.	2.	85.-
—"—	12.	At Port Dover to see D. Sharp, Overseer,	1.	9½ do,	4.	35.-
—"—	19.	At Port Dover, and Turkey point, re Reports	1.	12½ do,	6.	10.-
—"—	22.	At Port Colborne and Fort Erie				40.-
—"—	23.	At Port Colborne, Ridgeway, Fort Erie, and Niagara, getting up annual returns	1.	111 M. do,	1. 6.	00.- 00.-
—"—	24.	At Lake Ontario, Niagara, St Catharines, &c.	1.	60. do,	2.	15.-
—"—	26.	At Toronto, Belleville, and Hamilton.	1.	96. do.	5.	50.-
—"—	30.	At B. Beach, collecting returns, &c.	1.	26.54 B.	2.	50.-
February.	1.	On B. Beach, and Mimosa, getting up returns	1.	36. do,	2.	50.-
—"—	9.	At London and Sarnia; special duty.	1.	134. Ref. &c.	9.	50.-
—"—	10.	At Point Edward, and Sarnia, getting matters for reports, on Point Edward Fishery.	1.	6.54 C.	3.	50.-
—"—	11.	At Sarnia, London, and Hamilton, see my several reports	1.	134, Ref.	1. 8.	00.- 05.-
—"—	17.	At London and St Thomas, see reports,	1.	96. do. &c.	8.	00.-
—"—	18.	At St Thomas, London and Hamilton,	1.	96. do.	3.	75.-
—"—	23.	At Pt Colborne, regarding Fisheries,	1.	61. do,	4.	75.-
—"—	24.	At Ridgeway,— Lake Erie, back to Pt Colborne to Danville, and back to Pt Colborne	1.	54 C, 70. Ref.	4.	90.-
—"—	25.	At Ridgeway, Fort Erie, and Niagara.	1.	54. do.	4.	30.-
—"—	26.	At Niagara, regulating licenses for fishing.	1.	—	1.	00.-
—"—	27.	At Niagara, and Hamilton.	1.	60. Ref. &c.	2.	50.-
March.	13.	On Heights, and B. Bay, regarding spearing,	1.	16.54 C,	2.	00.-
—"—	23.	At Toronto, to consult with Overseer Sheldrick, respecting fishing. Home!	1.	54 C, 88. Ref.	3.	90.-
—"—	24.	Off to London, and St Thomas. special.	1.	94. do,	6.	65.-
—"—	25.	At St Thomas, and Pt Stanley, &c.	1.	20. Ref.	3.	25.-
—"—	26.	At St Thomas, London and Hamilton	1.	96. do. &c.	2.	80.-
—"—	30.	Off to Pt Colborne, and Ridgeway, L. Erie. back to Pt Colborne, Merritton, and off to Town of Niagara, giving out licenses,	1.	137. Ref. &c.	7.	60.-
—"—	31.	At Niagara, S. Bridge and Hamilton.	1.	60. do	3.	40.-
		Totals.	26.	1928 miles.	$120.	20 c.

John W. Kerr.—

Hamilton, Ont.

John William Kerr.—

Hamilton

1st January. 31st March 5

				in miles.		
1885.						
January.	10.	At Port Credit, to see Woolcard and Reid.—	1.	64. Ry. & Vs.	2.	85.-
—"—	12.	At Port Dover, to see D. Sharp. Overseer.—	1.	92. do.	4.	35.-
—"—	19.	At Port Dover, and Turkey point, see reports.—	1.	122. do.—	6.	10.-
—"—	22.	At Port Colborne, and Low Banks, L. Erie.—	1.	93. do.—	6.	40.-
—"—	23.	At Port Colborne, Ridgeway, Fort Erie and Niagara, getting up annual returns.—	1.	½ .... ½	1.	00.-
			1.	117. do.—	6.	00.-
—"—	24.	At Jordan, & Niagara, St Catherines &c.	1.	60. do.	2.	15.-
—"—	26.	At Toronto, and Scarboro' & Hamilton,—	1.	96. do.	5.	50.-
—"—	30.	At B. Beach, collecting returns, &c.	1.	26. H&B.	2.	50.-
February.	1.	At B. Beach, and Winona, getting up returns.	1.	36.- do.	2.	50.-
—"—	9.	At London and Sarnia; special duty.—	1.	134. Ry. & V.	9.	50.
—"—	10.	At St Edward, and Sarnia, getting material for reports— on St Edward Fishery.	1.	½ 6. H&C. ½	3.	50.
—"—	11.	At Sarnia, London, and Hamilton,— see my general reports—		½ — — — ½	1.	00.
			1.	134. Ry.—	8.	05.
—"—	17.	At London, and St Thomas— see reports.	1.	96. do. &c.	6.	00.
—"—	18.	At St Thomas, London, Hamilton —	1.	96. do.—	3.	75.
—"—	23.	At Port Colborne— regarding Fisheries.—	1.	61. do.	4.	75.
—"—	24.	At Ridgeway.— Lake Erie.— back to Colborne &c. to Dunnville and back to Port Colborne.—	1.	H&C. 70. Ry. ½	4.	90.
—"—	25.	At Ridgeway.— Fort Erie, & Niagara.—	1.	54. do.	4.	30.
—"—	26.	At Niagara, regulating licenses for fishing.—	1.	—"—	1.	00.-
—"—	27.	At Niagara and Hamilton.—	1.	60. Ry. &c.	2.	50.
March.	13.	At Niagara, and L. bay, regarding spearing.—	1.	16. H&C.	2.	00.-
—"—	23.	At Toronto.— to consult with Overseer Wm Hallowell, respecting fishing.— Home,	1.	H&C. 88. Ry. ½	3.	90.-
—"—	24.	Off to London and St Thomas, special.	1.	94. do.	6.	65.
—"—	25.	At St Thomas, and Port Stanley.— &c.	1.	20. Ry.	3.	25.
—"—	26.	At St Thomas, London and Hamilton,	1.	96. do. &c.	2.	80.
—"—	30.	Off to Port Colborne and Ridgeway L. Erie, back to P. Colborne, Hamilton and off to Town of Niagara, giving out licenses.	1.	137. Ry &c.	7.	60.
—"—	31.	At Niagara, S. Bridge, and Hamilton,—	1.	60. do.	3.	40.
		Totals,—	26.	1,928. miles,	$120.	20 cts.

John W. Kerr.—

Hamilton,—

Ont.

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Hamilton, Ont. —
2nd April 1885....

Sir. =

I have the honor to send you herewith for your consideration, and approval: my account, and expenses incurred by me, during the active performance of my duties in the Hamilton, and three other Divisions — for the quarter ending 31st March 1885. — as follows: — $120.20 ¢. —

1.	Voucher,	John W. Kerr,	F.O,	For Stationery,	2.95 ¢.
2.	"	John W. Kerr,	F.O.	" Telegraphs,	2.13 ¢.
3.	"	John W. Kerr,	F.O.	" Postages,	2.52 ¢.
4.	"	John W. Kerr,	F.O.	" Office hire,	5.00 ¢.
5,	"	Ed: F. Kerr,		For services rendered,	22.50,
6.	"	John W. Kerr,	F.O.	For a Boat, Vide	60.00 ¢.
				Total,	$215.30 ¢

In submitting for your consideration this account of duties by your Orders extended to these other Fishery Overseers - divisions - on special duty. — —

In the performance of which including my own division I travelled on active duty, 1928. miles, —

In order to protect the Fish and Fisheries in the Niagara River, between Queenston Heights, and the Town and Township of Niagara, I was obliged to purchase a Boat, Vide for to enable me to capture trespassers from the American State of New York. —

I also had to engage my son to assist me on Burlington Bay, — when absent myself, in the other divisions. — All of which is respectfully Submitted. —

I have the Honor to be,
Sir. —
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries,
Ottawa, Ont.

Private!
by

Memorandum.- For S. B. Bancroft Esqre
Fisheries department
Ottawa!-

I had a letter from Stallwood - who says "I cannot conceive the withholding of Shark-"lotois - is founded - as he is owner of the great "part of the marsh - and lessee of the re-"mainder, and no one has expressed a "wish to oppose it."-

Knowing your mind on these matters, I shall not question any thing you do in the granting of licenses to net Pike any more!-

Highland Creek, has some Pike and suckers in it every spring - that is about all.-

Yours received about Nurses Pound.- I wrote him on the subject!- Mr Wallace wrote Nurse about everything that happened in your office. Nurse sent me a copy of letter.-

Do you approve of refusing Nurses Pound Net license this year.- if you say so, it will be an act of grace.- -

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The Illinois stream - dried up in summer is one mile up the Lake in direction of Credit.- from the Humber.-

May Nurse seine haul for Suckers at its mouth in the Lake! - this spring?-

I may tell you I informed Nurse he could not set his pound within 2 miles of the Humber.- I dont suppose he can get driving ground for stakes any place nearer.-

I may further say in connection with Highland Creek - it is not a navigable stream - same as the Rouge!- where Corman has got a license for to fish nets for Pike this spring.-

The Rouge - when its mouth is open - is Navigable from L. Ontario, to the Kingston road - a distance of 2 miles - for 20 Ton Craft.- Corman, is a pet of the pet water,- and Shacklaton is a Conservative, and a warm supporter of Sir. John A.- hence why- Stallwood talks out.- I dont tell Stallwood all my secrets!-

Now for the war jiggle!- you may tell Hill the Deputy Minister.- if he volunteers for

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the N. west, - to put down the rebellion. -
I would like to assist him. - I can shoot with
a rifle !! -

I see by last nights Hamilton paper - that
James Cahill Esqre J. P. - fined Dixon - £2. - about
selling spotted hens! - whilst the infamous informer
who bought them - is I suppose free! -

Blow hot and blow cold may suit the
Hamilton Game Club! to perfection. - It is not
the Law of the Land! - Thank heaven our glorious
laws, so long as you and I - your humble servants
are above the ground; can never be perverted by
informers! - I send you the N. paper article! -
Judge Sinclair, - will not sometime appeals be
made to him in Fishery cases. - It will be made
to the Minister - if so, please send me copy, -
and I will give you the points. -

I send you my incidentals for quarter ending 31st
March, - you may require to send me some
where! and so I get it all done up for you.

I am as usual! Your Obedient Servant. -

Hamilton, Ont. - 2. April 1885. } £ 3. 0. 0.

J. W. Kerr. - J. P.

M. Payne Esqre
Post Master. -
Wm Stanley -
Ont.

Private!

Hamilton, Ont. -
2^d April 1885. - -

Dear Sir. -

With reference to what is known as a double Header Pound Net. -
I may have inform you! that it is a
lead (one lead) with two pots or heads, -
one set at each end of the Lead - with
hearts and tunnels facing each other!

One pound set after another pound,
and operated by separate leads, - are
not double headers. - -

There is another description of dou-
ble Headers - with one large pot or
head! having two tunnels, and two
set of Hearts - on opposite sides of the
pot or head!! - with leaders running to
each tunnel! opposite to one another! -
I hope this will be satisfactory. -

I sent my friend Wm John Muir - a copy
of the Fisheries Act! as I am not debarred

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from visiting the fishery divisions of the Lakes! when not otherwise busily engaged.— I mean God willing to pay the Fisheries of the County of Elgin a visit early this year. After the 15th. day of April as soon as I know fishing is in operation.—

I may. tell you I was specially ordered by the department to go to Port Stanley.— Soon after I made my appearance at Port Stanley. on the 25th ult. March last,— I made my report of seven pages of foolscap — some day!—

To-day. I had a letter from the department. Ottawa.— in reply to my report. thus:

"Your report is very good, and I am accordingly satisfied with the way you did "that business."— "So mote it be!"

I hope my friends — Messrs Cain and Lewis with Lin in power are heavy.— Lewis appointed! came to St Thomas — same evening of the day you seen me at Eagle Hotel,— paid. $5. for a Boat hence to fish 2000 yards of 6" mesh meal. extension measure,—

2.

White fish gill nets,— in Lake Erie — in front of the grounds occupied by his Pound Nets,— He intends to make into the waters of the Lake from the beach.— But in no case shall Gill nets. be set within 2 miles of a pound net,— when set fishing.—

You will please tell Mr Cain,— if he makes a similar application, and sends me $5. I will submit it and recommend that it may be granted.—

Now My dear friend — I wish your successor, and my Job Lewis success,— what I recommended in my report.— I have to guess to believe will be carried out by the department.— Coroner Alexander McBride,— will apply for all licenses in front of the County of Elgin! and if any further reference is made to —! I am fully authorized....

Unite with my warm regards to My Job Cain and his worthy respectable father. A sound Conservative,— and to you personally.—

Believe me! Yours respectfully.—

Hamilton. Ont. John W. Kerr.—

Fishery Overseer

Private!

Hamilton. Ont.
2. April 1885.—

My dear Tibble.—

I have succeeded for you!—
beyond my expectation! the ground not be-
cause for Frank Jackson, and J. W. Reeder—
Just received! you had better send me,
the other $80.— at once — and take the license.
It reads as follows:—

In that portion of the public waters of Lake
Erie, lying abreast Houghton, Centre in the
County of Norfolk; and Little Otter, town-
ship of Bayham, in the County of Elgin."—

For the privilege of setting pound nets
only, with a single pot or head on
each pound.—

I hope this is all satisfactory.—
Mr. Reides, promise to Captain Foster,—
has gone for nought,— "He money makes
the mare go!"— I am My dear Sir.—
E. J. Tibble Esq.re Yours Sincerely.—
Corner of Erie Basin slip"— John W. Kerr.—
Buffalo, N. Y.— Fishery Overseer.

E. J. Tibble.—
Fish dealer,
Corner of Erie Basin Slip.—
Buffalo.—

License granted as applied for.
I have written you.— Attend
to it instantly!—

John W. Kerr.—
" " "
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton. Ont,
3. April 1885.

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Notice! Niagara!—

Seine and Boat Fishermen desirous of fishing this current season! I give Notice to, that the time is coming for them to make application to me for licences.—

The seine license will be $10.— payable in advance.— Boat licenses— $5. 8. or 10.— per Boat, payable in advance....

Fishermen in arrears of license money, have no claim to renewals of license.

Pay up, or stop fishing is now become the Order of the day.——

Hook and line, sturgeon fishing will not be permitted during this season— in the Niagara River, nor Lake Ontario between Queenston and Ten Mile Creek.— Those fishermen, I found fishing gill nets in Lake Erie, at Bertie on the 24th ult. February last.— I advise them to pay license fee,— $5. each!— John W. Kerr.— Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont.—
1st inst. April 1885.

Private!---

Captain Alexander McPhie...
Fishery Cruiser.
Statistician Stores...
St Thomas. Ont.
My Friend and Brother!-

Your friend Doctor Wilson. M.P. for East Elgin. Stores of Commons.- Dominion of Canada.- Ottawa!!

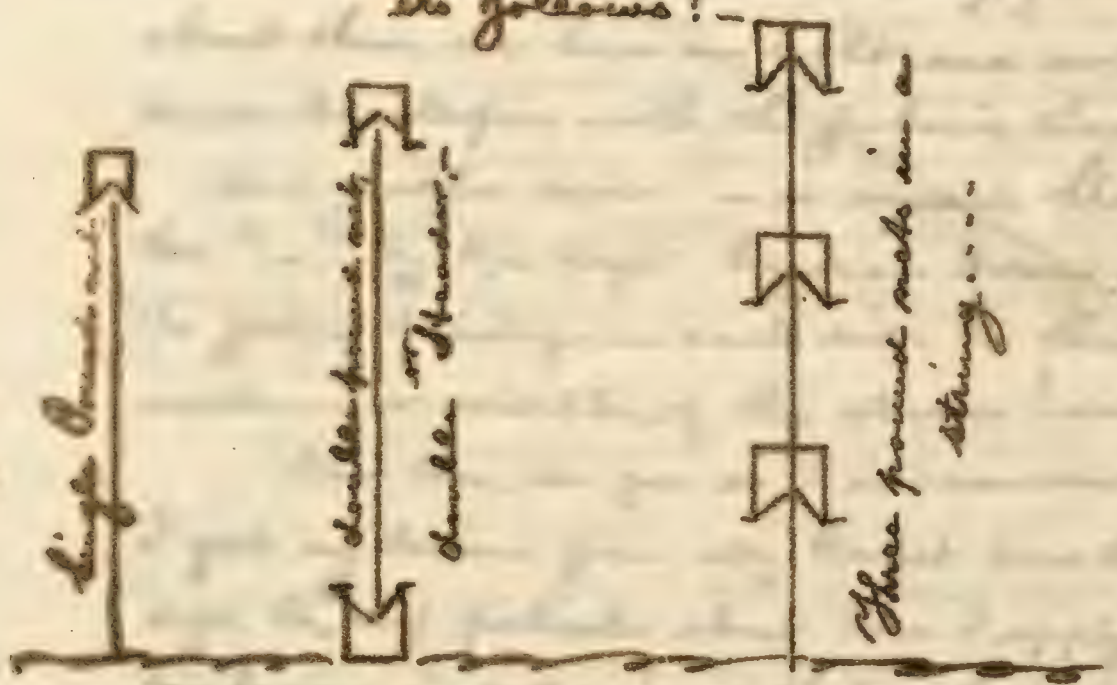
Being at present home at St Thomas- during the Easter recess!- pardon me if I now remind you to have your Fishery License fees squared up for the past year of 1884....

I am aware that Mr L.O. Bourget Fisheries department. Ottawa, is your friend in the matter!!- Kindly be pleased to arrange the payment of the same with Doctor Wilson, and remit the Money at once.-----

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A double headed pound net,- is a Pound net having two heads or pots.-

Do goleaves!-

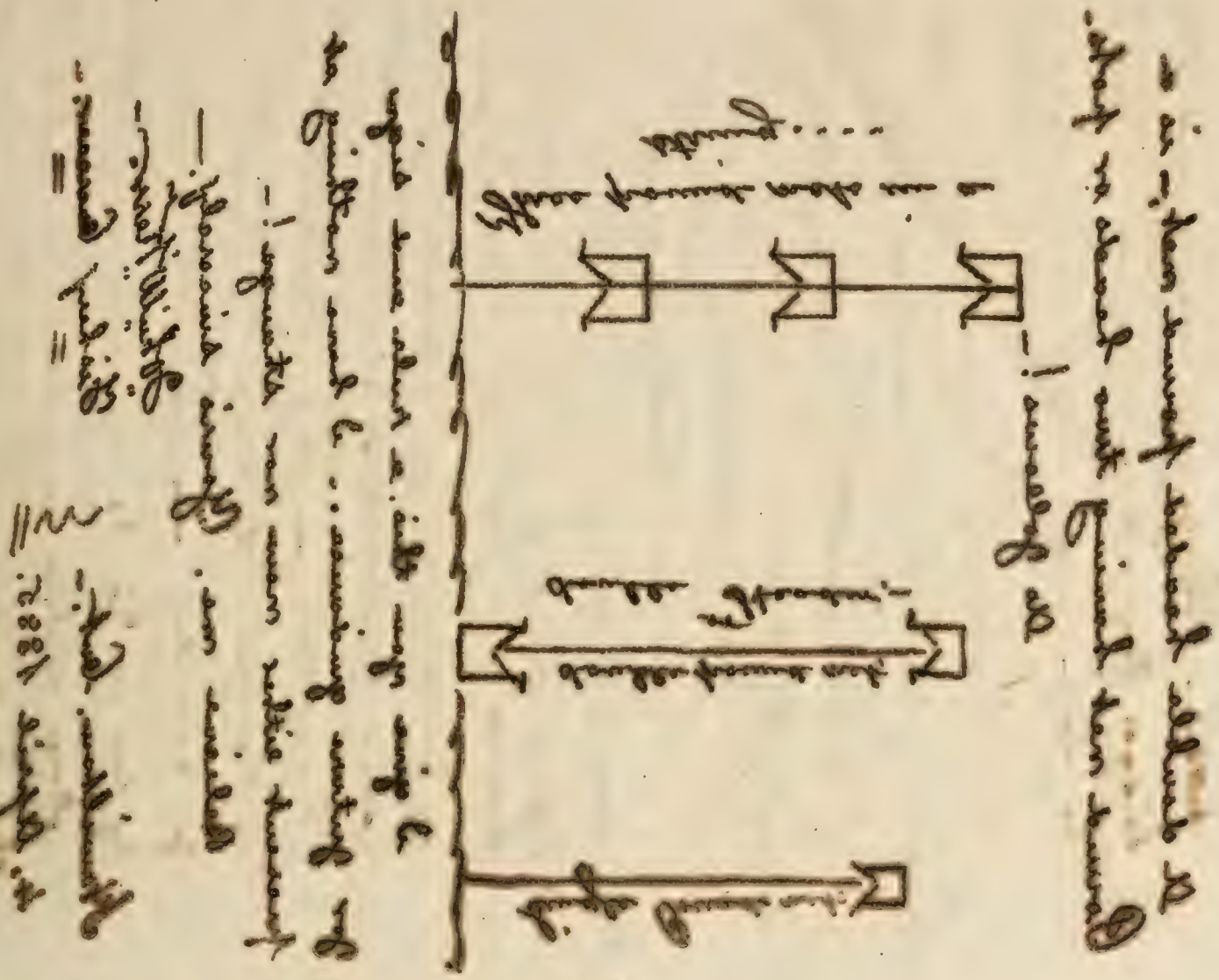


I give you this. a rule and sign for future guidance.. I have nothing at present either news nor strange!-

Believe me. Yours sincerely.—

John Wilson.-
Fishery Cruiser.-

Hamilton. Ont.- 4. April 1885.



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Hamilton, Ont.—

My dear Stellinella! 4. April 1885.—

Your's received in which you say:— "I cannot conceive the withholding of "Shackletons is founded! as he is owner of the "greater part of the marsh, and lessee of the "remainder, and no one has expressed a "wish to oppose it".—

I would have answered your letter at the time I received it only I wanted to find out, what view the department would take of the case!—

It appears the Local Government, for Ontario possess a Fishery law, at this last session of Parliament Toronto.—

Now I may tell you like our people want from you and I and many other P. Owners, is not to place the Ottawa-Fishery department in trouble or in Antagonism with the Ontario Government, and give them a chance to say we are encroaching upon their assumed rights, until the matter is legally

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settled.— So far as Toronto and Oakbridges Bay are concerned; "the Bennett, says to me!"— you already know my opinion about them, we have no right and no business to interfere with the fisheries there.—

And further more!— as regards Shackleton!!— "the B,— says: Riparian Owners, own the fishing privilege on each side to the median, or middle of the stream!—

Now then, so far as I am concerned, I got my license from "the Bennett, some time ago, but any particular about how I apply for licenses in future! and that rule I am bound to obey and observe!.—

I may hear you, that your friend Johnson, of the Gun Club! went to Ottawa, to look for promotion: was presented to the Minister, by "the Mr. B". he came back did not get it. Now applies for a license to fish his P. Ref. through "the Wallace— Mr. B,— I have got over a case to locate "him, up towards Port Credit.—

He has also been given permission

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Hamilton, Ont. —
24. April 1885. —

My dear Thanks. —

I receive your kind
on yesterday — for the first 4. pounds note, —
"in Lake Erie — lying about Houghton Lake,
"in the County of Norfolk, and Little Otter
"Township of Raynham, in the County of
"Haldimand". —

I addressed and wrote the E. J. Tiller, —
Buffalo, on yesterday — Today I got a
telegraph from him: that he sent me
draft for Kinds money. — you may go
on now, and prepare your Power Note,
and don't tell any person where you are
going to fish — until you are on the
ground. — The Lake is situated in your
Home and Native, — where should I
send your kind to? — answer. —

and with Kind regards, —

Yours Sincerely. —
J. Wilkins —
Riley Camp

Dear Sir,

I received your kind letter of the 23rd inst. and am very sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will soon be better. I am sending you a few books which I think you will like. I am also sending you a few papers which I think you will like. I am sending you a few pictures which I think you will like. I am sending you a few things which I think you will like. I am sending you a few things which I think you will like. I am sending you a few things which I think you will like.

Yours Sincerely,
J. Wilkins
Riley Camp

to Lake Lake for Suckers. in the Lake at the mouth of Illinois, — any one else can do the same! — without a License. — — —

I am myself all right again — my wife is gone, and lungs seem to be getting all right once more. —

I have been in St Thomas, — and Port Stanley, — Port Colborne, — Ridgeway, — Hamilton, S. Bridge and Niagara — since I saw you in Toronto.

My advice to you is to attend by the Fisheries department, Ottawa! — I know no other, when I see you I can tell you something about Mr Johnson, —

with Kind regards, —

Yours Sincerely, —
J. Wilkins —
Riley Camp

Hamilton Ont
Riley Camp. —
Highland Creek,
Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.—
6. April 1885.—

C. C. Dunlap Esqre
Fish Dealer. — F.
Suspension Bridge N.Y.—

My dear Sir. —

Your favour of the 4th instant. was duly received. acknowledging the receipt of the Fisheries act. of Canada. —

You say! what you require is not to be found in the Act! it is this! — Can a Lease be secured from your Government for a Pound Net fishery. for the general catching of fish; or for the catching of Sturgeon alone, in the neighbourhood of Niagara. Ont. or any place along the shore of Lake Ontario? — In answer to this query. I dont think any place can be found where; with a Pound net, you could catch Sturgeon alone! without catching abundance of other Kinds of fish. —

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with a double Header. — set out on one of the Sturgeon Bars. where they fish spawn. — a large number might be caught annually. — But then, Sturgeon gill nets — 11¾" inch. mesh. extension measure: seems well adapted for Catching sturgeon. out on these sand and gravel bars. —

I dont think it possible. for to obtain a licence — for to fish Pound nets — at present in the immediate vicinity of Niagara: so many different conflicting interests at present existing amongst fishermen; to contend with. — But from the 6 mile Creek. — township of Niagara. — say up to Winona: township of Saltfleet. — a distance of about 30 miles. — applications might be made for licences to fish pound nets — single heads or pots. — with a successful result. — I can foresee nothing myself. except! that if the application is made to me! that portion of the public waters of Lake Ontario being in my division. I would submit the application to The Fisheries department. Ottawa. for you. —

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Hamilton, Ont.
6. April 1885.—

My dear Jack.—

Yours received — in look-ing over the Salaries of the Light Keepers — I find that at Manchouris Bay — is only $100. a year: that would not be enough.—

Write and give me all the information you got: and what promises about getting the place you received: and then if you wish I can write and ask the department to give you $200. a year.—

And you could have Otter Isle not fishing and a Semi Hauling ground — and a Boat li-cence for to catch Trout.— The City Trouts having claimed Oakbridges & Toronto Bay fisheries as theirs — let them mind them! I am very thankful to you.— my warm regards Jack.

Kindly remember me to Mrs Jeffreys.—

Mrs Jno: Jeffreys. — Yours Sincerely —
The Boat House — J.W. Kerr — F.O.—
Esplanade — End of Sherbourne St.—

However! there are other matters to confer with;— Sometime — shortly — when I am coming to Suspension Bridge! I will telegraph you; and you can meet me — and then! we can talk matters over!—

When we meet. I will be able to fur-nish you — with all the other information you may require to Know.—

And with due respect, and Kind regards,— Believe me!—

Very truly Yours,—
J.W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

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Immediate.

Hamilton. Ont.—
7. April 1885.—

Dear Sir Hawkins—

I have just received a letter from Mr William Hodgkinson applying for permission for to seine fish in Lake Ontario - at the mouth of the 10 Mile Creek.—

As the term is short 3 weeks or so let him - give you $3.- for me, and I will send the money down to Ottawa; and recommend that he get a licence for this year; if the ground he now applies for. —

Is he not the man you he=caubly spoke to me in the Train, between Merritton, & S: Bridge! — about! — Yours truly. —

J. W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

— Hawkins Esq.
Fish dealer,
St. Catharines —
Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.—
12 April 1885.—

Dear Sir Hawkins—

Yours received; you can look at the mouth of the river for Lake, any one else can do the same thing! for him for this kind of fishing this year. —

I will recommend that you get a licence this year for $3.- Next year there will be no difficulty in giving that for he will pay: whenever the season! you may expect me: be getting on things ready! Hodgkinson spoke very highly of you at Ottawa. - and it pleased me that any much; because I suppose you spoke one word in his of me. —

Get some place where you can set, and catch herrings and white fish. by 10th of March. - until Mid regret to the Season, and quickly. - Believe me much. — —

Yours Truly. —
J. W. Kerr. — F.O.

Dear Sir Hawkins Esq.
St. Catharines
Ont.

Mrs James Lambelle,
Niagara.
Ont.—

Hamilton. Ont.—
6. April 1865.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours of 3rd inst. is received!—
I must now tell you the reason why.— I did not
go in and see you! and Mrs Lambelle. during
my last two visits— I paid to Niagara!—

The last visit— I left here at 8. a.m. on
31st March. off to G.W.Ry. station! there to
Hamilton.— Mr Colburn and Ridgway.—

Finding Keith. Miles and Col Taylor,— had
left Ridgway— without paying their bills,— I
must thank you Ridgway.— for Pat Colburn.—
Hamilton— to Inspection &c; and Niagara.—
197 miles!— pretty good tooting for two day.— I
may as well tell you I was tired out. and to tell
the truth I slept only till 2. o'clock— and awoke
then and slept no more! off next morning at 8.—
a.m. for Home,— brought to Adair some Boot
business, and Mrs Elliot. she got hers.— I done
no more business.— I forgot to tell you Jim.
I am not yet quite recovered from the fatigue I

got.— and a bad chill,— that befell me after.—

The time before, I travelled 245 miles in 3 days,— and
to recover was I when I got to Niagara,— that if it
was not for Jack Bolton. who carried down my bag.
I could not manage to do it myself.

Next morning. I could not turn in Bed— had to get
and stay Elliot to attend me,—
a Doctor,— and Medicine— I could hardly move a
foot,— and had to be helped on and off the Train—
and into the Cutter when I reached Hamilton.—

My right lung was affected! and since then, I
have drank 6 bottles of Medicine— a dessert spoon
full every 4 hours.— — I am at the 7th bottle!

You ask me, if it is true, that you are
not to get a license for to fish on Mrs Elliots
grounds,— this year!— Mrs Elliot applied for
all her fishing grounds,— from Rousseau's wharf,
to Kennedy's Hollow! for this year,— same as
she done last year,— and she paid for her
licence $20,— $5.— of which was for a Boat
licence. for to fish gills nets.—

Last year she paid $15. dollars.—

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Mrs John Bolton,- was an applicant also, for a portion of Mrs Elliot's fishery! But being reasoned with! about the present state of affliction of her Husband Thos: Elliot! John Bolton declined, on the circumstances to apply!!- Mrs Elliot told me- last time I was in Niagara! that she had a proposition made from John Bolton, their- town friend of his to her to fish the ground for her: agreeing to pay her so much, but I understand from Mrs Elliot, she declined to do, so!- Also the fishing grounds at Niagara, are rented yearly, and except Chambers and Mrs Elliot, and Uncle John,- no one else have applied! you had better see Mrs Elliot,- - - Then there is your ground at the Lake- and your ground- Scobell,- Simmons rent you to Uncle Jno: Ja. Depew,- they are vacant this year, and should be taken you must them!- - You had better see Mrs Elliot, she is a woman who never troubles about her neighbours affairs,- Tom she begs your wife Mrs Cartwell, in high esteem.- Thank so for

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me. I have the same warm regard for Mrs Cartwell, that I always had!- I am sure she is a favourite with Mrs Elliot, who always speaks well of your wife to me!—

As for me- I am getting up in years- and I desire to live and die at peace with you all.- Mrs Elliot, is empowered by her license to allow any licensed Fisherman or Woman- to fish on her Lake hauling grounds, and her power is such, in that respect, that even I,- can not meddle with her!— See Mrs Elliot, pray her [she is entitled to it] for the privilege of fishing on one or other, or on some of the grounds.- Mrs Elliot is very obliging, and [has been] kind to me, always during the past 19. years & 11. months.-

But God has been pleased to afflict her- very severely, in the sad affliction of her Husband!- I hope however, that God will never afflict Mrs Elliot, nor any of us- beyond what we are able to bear!— Amen!—

With Kind regards to Mrs Lake Cartwell, & yourself— I am as usual! Yours &c.

(Turn over.) 4.

Hamilton Oct.
Geneva Cottage Sept. 6. April 1806.
Niagara.

My own Li.—

Last year we were
married, I gave you my fishing Gig rods,
in Little Britain, one in exchange for the linen
sheets, & 5. he promised to pay me!— but
the promise was made to be broken.—

In October last year, Mrs. Wm. Hamilton
gave me Robert Patterson, application to
me for a license to fish 2 or 3. yards of
Herring, near Niagara Falls, in the public
waters of Lake Erie; I knew that Patterson
was broke; when I received the license,
they refused to take them; but entrusted
me fishing at Niagara! between the Falls
and Shipping point.— that also on
license fee!—

In the Mrs. Hamilton, just recently, I was
at Niagara, and on going from the Falls
to my Hotel, I was told you was now

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Hotel Keeper—
me fishing Gig rods & Lines the sole Tackle
and Implements fished in those waters.—
It is therefore my duty, to apply to you
for One Guinea, & 5. for last year, and 5,
Guineas fee, for this present year.—
Now as this is done, I hope you
will pick me some Fish rods, in the
public waters of Lake Ontario, therein
of Canada!—

I am my own Li,—

Your truly.—
John Hamilton
Fishing Engineer—

P.S.

Fishing by means of Nets,— is forbidden in the Waters of Ontario, except on Lakes or Streams,— Penalty £20. fine and exile!— one forfeiture of Boat and Nets,— and jail in default!.—

John Hamilton Esq.

Hon. again! in the year 1869,—
I had a Census for Gaol Limits to
Gaol 1300. yards of Fencing gile made,—
Tender to Patrick Heaney, Robert
Atkinson, and John Miles,—
Hon! I may as well say once
for all, that I am determined to do
my duty— Yours truly.—
J. & W. Keen—
Hamilton Ont. Deputy Sheriff.
6. April 1870.

Now you will see, there is nothing
for it now or ever! but enforce
the Law!—

Yours truly.—
J. & W. Keen—
Deputy Sheriff.

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Private!—

O.L.

I must tell you, that a Judge's
Warrant has no power within himself to
promise a Gaol yard to any man!—
I recently received copy of letter sent
to a Gaol Warrant, in which the following
sentence appears!—

"Meanwhile I am to impress
upon you, as to the necessity of refraining
from making promises, as to the issue of
Warrants which the department may after-
wards find inexpedient or impossible to
carry out."

I make it a rule to take all
applications for warrant grounds— submit
the same to P. department Ottawa— and
I recommend that same may be granted.

He regrets by same Young's grounds— be
fixed five Pounds— instead of two!—
last year
a Yard of $120.— and $80.— in another place,
to Gaol's department. Ottawa (last year)

Yours sincerely.— J. & W. Keen. D.S.

Private!

Hamilton, Ont. —
6. April 1885. —

My dear Sir. —

I am in receipt of yours of 4th instant, with enclosed Draft, — for $10, — for to pay balance of $30, — on your permits, — V. licenses to fish in the public waters of Lake Erie, — between Stoughton Centre, and the Lake Office, — Counties of Kegin and Norfolk. — —

I wrote Jackson, — asking him to send and address the licenses for J. W. Baxter & himself. — hence it is better let licenses go to them and not to you! — Because it was sent to me, to countersign and deliver, — Stoughton, is in Mr. B. Sharp's division! —

It will not be necessary for you to say anything to Captain McBride, —

The department, knowing that Capt. Baxter, was promised the grounds — from Sharp at Pt. Burwell, East to the

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Township, between Stoughton and Bayham! it is not necessary for you and I, to talk about it. — I expect to be up in Kegin Co. — this summer: but dont attempt to mention it. — I will tell you first time we meet. — —

August Delamarter's license, has been sent to Customs Sharp, — to countersign, and deliver, — by the department at Ottawa, — have advised me! —

In writing to Jackson, — I advised him to get the Grounds — ready for setting, — gave him a boundary and description of the ground. —

There is an application — for 47 — grounds, — in preparation, to be made by Customs, — McBride, for Kegin County, — I dont think, that many will be granted! but I expect they will pass through my hands — such of them as may be granted. — — —

Keep mum! — Yours Sincerely, —

Jno. J. Tiller Esq.
Corner Erie Basin Slip. —
Buffalo, N. Y.

John W. Kerr. —
Fishery Overseer.

April 5.—

		For	$.	¢.	
April. 7th	Messrs Frank Jackson	Balance of	80.	00.	I send draft,
	and J. W. Preston....	Bounty, Act, 48	-	-	Messrs Jackson
	Gunton's point.-Ont.	cases, in the		-	and Bank.-
		Public waters,	-	-	Hamilton, 7th
		Lake Erie!	-	-	April 1885. To the
		see report	-	-	department, Ottawa,
		attached!.	-	-	same day, Jan'y 80,
			-	-	Balance in full.

Total..$. 80. 00¢.

My letter of 7th April instant, herewith, will explain to you everything.—

Yours respectfully.—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

Correct.—

Hamilton, Ont.—
7th April 1885.

To. The Deputy Minister.—
Department of Fisheries.—
Ottawa.—Ont.—

Hamilton. Ont.—
7th April 1885.—

Sir.—

I Have the honor to send you Bank draft. No: , for the sum of Eighty dollars, being balance in full. for a License during the present season of 1885, granted by you to Messrs Thos Frank Jackson, and John W. Beasley of Turkey point. "For the privilege of setting four pound nets—only—with a single head, or "pot, on each pound."— "In that portion of "the public waters of Lake Erie, lying abreast "Houghton Centre, in the County of Norfolk, "and Little Otter Township of Raynham, in "the County of Lagin."—

Please refer to the printed letter herewith!—

I Have the Honor to be.—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa, Ont.—

P. S.— Please refer to my letter of the 7th of March, and return of 7th March last.
J. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Memorandum. for S. C. Bennet Esqre, Fishries department, Ottawa. Ont.

Copy of letter to Mc^c^Bride received!— I have written him — urging him to pay. thus!

"Your friend Doctor Wilson, M.P. for "East Legin. House of Commons. Dominion "of Canada — Ottawa!" Being at present "here at St. Thomas, during Easter recess "pardon me if I now remind you, to "have your Fishery Licence fees squared "up, for the past year of 1884."— — —

"I am aware that the S.C. Bennet "Fisheries department, Ottawa! is your "friend in the matter!! Therefore be "pleased to arrange the payment of "the same with Doctor Wilson, and to- "mit the Money at once! as you pro- "mised me". — Believe me, Yours Sincerely,

Philo McKee —

P.S.

If I dont hear from him — to day, — I shall as you advise — start for St. Thomas at 10.45. a.m, on tomorrow; for he promised to send me the Money. — I will drop in on him! and see how matters are, and hear what he has done! and what he has to say! —

I send you balance. $80,— today, — being $160. in full — for Jackson, and Prestons, — license fee. for 1885. for to fish 4 pounds in public waters. Lake, & Abreast of Houghton Centre, and Little Otter! —

A part of this, Mc^c^Bride — promised to Captain Foster! — vide see, No: 1. of my letter to you and Deputy Minister of 24th March last. — — I hope God will protect your son! and restore him safe, and sound to his young wife, and you all, after doing his duty to His Queen & Country. Such are the Men. I glory in! to leave wife, father and mother, when duty calls.

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Hamilton, Ont.
7th April 1885.—

My dear Sir,—

Yours of 24th ult and 31st ult March, received! applying for a license to fish in front of Lots 17. and 18. township of Clinton Lake Ontario!— Last year I sent you a license! by post but never received any license money since!—

I cannot recommend your license to be renewed this year, under the circumstances.— Besides persons living on Lake shore,— have just privilege.— And you should not take Mr James St. Walker.— a story that was not correct!— about me!—

Yours truly.—

J. W. Kerr.—

J. B. Rodgers Esq.
Bannerville.
Ont.

J. Corcoran.

But then he is young, and most likely will be Minister of Militia yet.—
He has taken the first step in that direction, and I hope he will succeed,—
You know, I dont consider any thing too good for my friends!—
Believe me as usual.—
Yours Obediently.—
J. W. Kerr.— Jr.

Hamilton, Ont.
7. April 1885.

Mailed on the
8. April 1885.—

For Mrs Harris.—
or
C. A. Harris Esq.
Fisherman.—
Fishing
Licenses.
Fort Erie,—
Ont.—

Hamilton. Ont.
7. april 1885.

Gentlemen!

Your application for a licence to fish 1000 yards of White fish and Herring gill nets in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots Nos 21, 22, and 23, township of Clinton, during the current year, is to hand! — Please send me $5.— on receipt, and I will apply, & commence and get up your licence. — —

Yours truly
John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer

Messrs
Robt. Cook,
Isaac Buchanan.
Fishery Office,
Ont.

Hamilton. Ont. —
My dear Harris! — 8. april 1885. —

I send you your licence to-day herewith! — Be pleased to send the balance $10.— on receipt. —

It is better and safer — that George Thomas — pay $5. yearly, — enlarge his Herring Seine — And run no risk, now — that your licence is reduced. — — —

Seine in the mouth of that fish pond, with fine coria cloth, and put in your fresh water Crabs — or Craw fish for Bait fishing — for Bass, —

I have been very sick since I saw you. I am now getting well again! — Live up to your licence, — and you need fear no danger, — I hope you are all in good health. — remember me Kindly to Mrs Harris, — and believe me as usual, — Yours Sincerely, —

C. A. Harris Esq
Fort Erie, Ont.

John Wilkes
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton Ont.
7th April 1885.—

My dear Sir.—

Yours of 25th March, is received! yes, I saw Carpenter the grounds — same as last year.— Mr Rodgers told you what is not correct.. Told you I sent him — Sir — word! but I received no Licence for — Only one & thanks in arrears — is not entitled to a renewal of his Licence! and I have written Mr Rodgers to that effect to day — and leave this I challenge him for telling you an untruth — he has no Licence!— and I dont care to recommend him/Now as regards David Tyson, he has not fish one for last year!— and such neglect on his part places me in a bad position with the Fisheries department.— Remember

held accountable for all debts due for non payment of Licences.—

This is David Tysons position at present,— flattering promises and breaking them most do!—

Be receipt please send me $5.— and I will send it to Ottawa, & recommend that your Licence be renewed!— as for David Tyson, he must pay me on receipt $3,— for last year! then I will have no objection to your taking him under your protection for this year!— but paid I must be!—

Dont permit Rodgers nor any one else to fish on your grounds,— 17. 18. 19 and 20. township of Clinton,— I am not for as mean, as some of them men by falsehood try to make me!— out!!—

Yours Sincerely.—
J. W. Wilkes—
Fishery Overseer.

Jas. H. Walker Esq.
Ramsville.
Ont.

Private! —
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Hamilton, Ont^o.,
8th April 1885. —

My dear Jack, —

Yours received! — I now copy from 17th Annual report, being for the Fiscal year, ending 30th June 1884. last a/c^t published! —

Frenchmans Bay. —

John Lang. 12 months salary as Light Keeper, 100.00

dont you mind what Billy Montgomery tells you! — of course they dont know yet, at the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, that this John Lang, had 3.000,— worth of stolen goods, hid in his Barn, — at Pickering — taken out of Grand Trunk Railway Cars — by a man named Maguire! — who was arrested for the robbery, and is now in Jail — waiting his Trial! — John Lang — is out — on $2.000. Bail, — and he and Maguire, are to be tried at next Assizes, —

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at Oshkosh. — I suppose! —

All I wanted you to do, you have done for the present! "Got Mr. Smalls interest."

Mr. Small — will recommend you, as soon as the Trial takes place! — and then in doing so, he can as easily obtain 200.00 dollars a year, as 100.00 — for you! —

dont talk any more about it now! — wait until after the trial ----

Mind you! there are several applicants for it — Abram Stoner, employed by John Lang to look after it, is one. — Thos: Mansfield — is another! — F. F.

So be prudent! talk no more about it, — when proper time arrives, — I will advise you! Lie low Jack and Keep very cool! — you are all right. — —

With Kind regards as usual, —

Your friend, —

J. W. Kerr — P.O.

Mr. John Small. —
The Esplanade —
Toronto, —

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Messrs Catick Hand,- Hamilton. Ont.
" Wm Hand.- 8. April 1895.
" Thos: Hand.-
Fishermen,- Wiarton, P. Office.- Ont.-

My Friends!

I was in Hamilton, this day,- and I found that on yesterday you delivered to Mr John Morris- a Fish dealer- Hamilton,- about 200. pounds of Trout and White fish.- caught by you! without a licence from the Fisheries department. Ottawa.- According to the strict letter of the Law, I might have seized and confiscated all these fish!- As you have no authority to fish! see Notice mailed to you this day.- Your licence fee for this year 1895, will be Fifteen dollars! of 5. each!- Let me have it at once! Remember this is the 8th day of April,- and you have been fishing since 1st of January last!- Yrs. John Wilkes.-
Pay up at once! dont fail!!- Fishery Overseer.

John Elsinore
Grand Hotel
Cat. 11

Mr. Morris, &c.
Hamilton P.O.

Mrs Jane Leeist. —
The River Fisheries —
Niagara, —
Ont.

Robert Bishop Legale
Fish dealer. —
Niagara. —
Ont.

Mrs Jane Leeist,
The River Fisheries —
Niagara,
Ont.

John Bolton Legale
Fisherman. —
Niagara, —
Ont. —

R. J. Allen Legale
Fisherman,
Niagara, —
Ont.

James Cantwell Legale
Fisherman, —
Niagara,
Ont.

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Hotel Keeper
Ridgeway
Bertie. P.O. Ont

Manitoba on 9. April 1885. Plaus in grand Jury room. Welland P.O.

C. McNeale Esqre
Hotel Keeper
Port Colborne, Ont

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Peter Nath Esqre
Fisherman
Port Dalhousie, Ont

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Alex^r^ Patrick Esqre
Wm Stand. —
Hen: Stand, —
Thilsonburg — Ubrina, P. Office. —
Ont

Manitoba on 9th April 1885. Welland P.O.

C. A. Harris Esqre
Fisherman,
Port Erie,
Ont

Manitoba on 9. April 1885. Welland P.O.

Edward Pattison Esqre
Fish dealer,
Niagara,
Ont

Private! /

Hamilton, Ont.
9. April 1835.—

Memorandum,— for L. P. Bauset Esqre
Fisheries department.—
Ottawa. Can.—

Your Telegraph arrived in time, to stop me from going to St Thomas.—

I hope by this time you have received from Mr^r^ Pride. the £104/.—

But then, perhaps. Sylvanus Young & Co may not have paid for their 3. additional Vessels yet. for last year £120,— But as the others, whose names I sent you, have paid up at last report, except Young & Co— at Port Burwell,— Lake Erie.—

Mr^r^ Pride was to have gone and got it on the 27th of last March,— the day after I parted with him at St Thomas,—

I will not move until I receive letters,— I will buy and send you a waggon of white

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fish next week,— early part of the week!—

Messrs Hendy. Purdee— & Co,— may go the long boys! Go to the d—l—e,— and shake Saunders!— such a dirty rogue and knave.—

I may tell you now,— I was in Mr^r^ Crooks the day their dirty work was exploded,— when I was introduced there to Lynch, alias Steiner,— I took him into the Baggage Car and we rode there together to Hamilton.—

Hendy— and Purdy,— did not get him on that occasion.— will tell you about it some time.—— Pretty— hard times for your Sum and the 65th that I spent 13.5.— at that work,— and here I am still.—

I will believe when they arrive on the scene of the disturbance! that the Rebels will fight. You protect our friends,— your son— and all his comrades under arms,— in the expedition to assist,— Your Obedient,— J. Wm Kerr— Esq.

John Ellison Esqre M.P. Jr.
Comm^d Nat Fishermen,

Port Stanley.—Ont.—

Hamilton.—Ont.—
10th April 1885.—

Dear Sir,—

Your letter was duly received by me; the Fisheries department Ottawa; will, you may depend upon it, always do the fair, square thing to the County of Elgin Fishermen! but bear in mind, dont expect too much, "to the disadvantage of others."— for you might be disappointed....

Your Boat license, sent you to day!— was forwarded by the department to me,— to countersign and deliver!— Remember you must not set your gill nets,— within 2 miles of a Pound net,— but you may go as far out in the Lake,— (Erie) between the limits named in your Boat license as you please!— All matters, connected with your fisheries. Touting on the County of Elgin in Lake Erie,— has been fairly laid before the fisheries department,— Ottawa!—

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or rejection;—

for consideration, and approval,— and in all such cases.— Fishermen,— and fishery Overseers, have to govern themselves accordingly,— as per decision!—

It is likely,— I may come up, and see you all before long!— And whenever I do,— we can talk over Fishing affairs!— to wit:—

"Double Headed Pounds,"— Pounds set in strings! One after the other, F. F.—

I send you a "close season" printed paper, please put it up in your Boat House, Fish House or in your Boat,—

Whenever you want information, dont be backward in applying to me for it.—

I may be ordered to go from Eastern boundary,— Hawkers Creek,— east of Pt. Burwell, to the County line! between Kent and Elgin,— at any moment!— if so, I will see you all at Port Stanley! Kindly remember me to your Father, to whom Conductor Fraser introduced me!— And with Kind regards to you and the Conductor,—

Believe me, Yours truly,— John W. Kerr,—
Fishery Overseer.—

Mailed on 10th April 1885.—a private fishing license!——

Messrs George White.—
and
John Broadfoot.—
Fishermen,—
Whitby.—Ont.

Mailed on 10th April 1885.—
Quebec fishing Licence!——

Messrs Thomas Mansfield,—
Fishermen,—
Dunkerton.—Ontario.

Quebec.—

Whitby, Ont. 13th April 1885.

Gentlemen!—

My dear Sirs!—

I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst. enclosing Fishing Licence for the Province of Quebec, for the season of 1885, and I beg to say that I have duly forwarded the same to the Department of Marine & Fisheries, Ottawa, for signature by the Minister.

As soon as I receive the Licence I will forward it to you.

Yours truly,—
Thos. Mansfield.—

Messrs. Geo. White & Son,
Whitby, Ont.

Gentlemen,—

I am in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst. enclosing Fishing Licence for the Province of Quebec, for the season of 1885, and I beg to say that I have duly forwarded the same to the Department of Marine & Fisheries, Ottawa, for signature by the Minister.

As soon as I receive the Licence I will forward it to you.

Yours truly,—
Thos. Mansfield.—

Messrs. John Broadfoot,
Fishermen,
Dunkerton, Ontario.

Hamilton, - Ont. -
10th April 1885. . . .

Sir. -

I Have to apply to you for a license to fish Two Pound Nets, - single pots or heads, - and eighty Rod leaders, - in the public waters of Lake Erie; between Mears point, township of Humberstone, and Wind mill, - point, township of Bertie, in County of Welland; during this present year of 1885, - at the usual rate of $40. - per pound, payable in advance! - Enc $80. - for 1885. . . .

This license is for John W. Ramsay, and Co, - of Ridgeway; - Mr Ramsay, - fished 3 ——— pounds, - in the place he now applies for, in 1882. - but took his Pounds to Georgian Bay, - and in partnership with W. A. Clark, - of Collingwood, - fished three two or three Pounds, - from early in the month of September 1882, in Georgian Bay, - having moved the said Pounds from Bertie, Lake Erie: - to Georgian Bay, - where they were fished for the balance of the year 1882, - and the license fee $40. - per pound, paid to Inspector James Patton, in June! he being at the time in charge of the Collingwood Division! during the year 1882. - - -

I recommend the issuing of this license, for this current season! for your consideration, if approved of to be granted in the name of John W. Ramsay & Co. of Ridgeway. - With due respect. - - -

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. -
John Wilkie -
Fishery Overseer. —

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, -
Ottawa! -

No: 1,

Copy.---

Port Ryerse,-
January 2nd 1885.---

J. W. Kerr Esqre
Fishery Overseer.-
Hamilton, Ont.-

Dear Sir,-

I have been up the shore, as far as Port Rowan this week looking after the fishermen, and I find Schomacher of Normandale, has been fishing between Normandale, and Turkey point, this fall, with gill nets,- mesh extension, three inches measurement,—for Pickerel, and Herring, and says he got a license from you to fish with this net,- I am told he has sold of 60,- worth, and that is more than all the Turkey point, fishermen caught this fall,- and he intends to fish under the ice all this winter! with it, and he is offering some of the Turkey point fishermen some of the same Kind of net, to fish on shares,- this net belongs to the Americans, our fishermen say if this Kind of net is allowed to fish, they want to fish with it themselves: please let me Know at once, if it is legal to fish those Kind of nets,- And also what I must do with Schomacher,—--

I have not seen anything in the Fishery laws, that allows those Kind of nets to fish here.- I have not seen Schomacher, and dont want to, until I hear from you, please let me Know four or five days before you come up!—as you Kindly consented to come up, and help me make out my Returns.—

Yours truly,—
D. Sharp.-
Fishery Overseer,
Ont.
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Copy.— No: 2,

Hamilton, Ont,
5th January 1885.—

My dear Sharp!— I am in receipt of yours of 2nd instant, in which you say! that Schomacher, of Normandale,— has been fishing 3" inch mesh gill nets,— last fall in Lake Erie; for Pickerel and Herring; between Normandale and Turkey point!— And in reply, I have simply to tell you, that I have given him no liberty for to fish there.

Now the law is very explicit in this case!— read section 18. of the Fisheries Act,— and sub section 2, of section 18, of the Fisheries act,— at pages 14, bottom! and 15,— at top of page.

I am surprised you have not found out this sooner; However, better late than never!—

I suppose these gill nets,— are furnished by Trible of Buffalo.— It is legal for to fish 3" inch mesh extension measure, gill nets,— for Herring and Pickerel, under a licence from the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, but not otherwise.—

Now then, the best thing to do, in this case, is for you to seize the Herring gill net in Schomacher's possession,— and if you approve of it, I will come up about next thursday, when you and I,— with a Constable can go to his House, and make the Seizure....

I may here however tell you! that Gus. or August Schomacher, Normandale,— applied, and subsequently received last May,— a Boat licence! For to fish 1500 yards, of Sturgeon gill nets,— 11½" inch mesh extension measure.— 1500. yards of 3" inch mesh, Herring gill net.!— And 1,000. yards of 5" inch, mesh white fish gill nets,— in Lake Erie,— say from Millers point, township of Rainham,— to Port Colborne,— and to extend from the beach, within the given points, out in to the waters of the Lake for a distance of 5 miles amount $5.— This licence would not permit Schomacher to fish at Normandale.—

Yours Sincerely,— D. W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

David Sharp Esqre
Fishery Overseer.—
Port Rowan. Ont.

Copy.- No: 3.-

J. W. Kerr. Esqre
Fishery Overseer.-
Hamilton.- Ont.

Port Ryerse,
March, 9th 1885.-

Dear Sir.-

I saw Schumacher,- to day, and he refuses to pay for fishing with the gill nets,- at Normandale, last fall; he says his Orders is, not to pay for them.- I gave him one week to pay me in, and told him if it was not paid in that time, I would let some one else collect it.- he is an old fraud, and a humbug; and I wont bother with him, any more.- I hope you are well, I have got so I can walk with a Cane. I would like to hear from you, if there is likely to be any changes at Turkey point, in the fishery this spring.-

Yours truly.
D. Sharp.-
Fishery Overseer.-

Mailed on the
11. April 1885.

Mailed on the
14th April 1885.

Mr^r Anthony Stuart,-
Bertie,-
On Lake shore! near
Ridgeway,-
Ont.

Bertie fishing Limits!

Thank Wyatt Esqre
Reeve of South,-
Fc. Fc. Fc.-
Jordan. Post office,
Ont.
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Cave Point Limits!

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Hamilton, Ont.—
16. March 1885.—

Hello!—
My dear Sharp!—

Yours of 9th instant, received! my advice is, dont take any further notice of A. Schumacher,— I had a letter from E. J. Hills, Buffalo, and he will arrange for this sanitary person....

Last year Schumacher, paid me $5, and this year, he paid me $5. for to fish below the Grand River, licence sent to-day! please hand it to him!—

This year, he sent me $5. for to fish between Normandale, and St Ryerse, until 15th April, thence out in Lake Erie! for balance of season, west of the cut, when I get this licence up from Ottawa!— I will send it to you, for to countersign and deliver!—

Last year, I think you told me he paid you $5. for fishing west of the cut. Long point,— so that you see on the whole, you and I,— still keep a hand of him.— Give him a piece of your mind, and then I would drop him until next time.— Situated as matters fishing are just now! dont make any application about a change in spring close season...

The Local Government, Toronto, have been squabbling with our people at Ottawa!—

You, and I,— and all the rest of us,— belonging to the Dominion fisheries,— must stand firm!— Be more careful than ever how you recommend licences,— We must not get into a scrape, with the Ontario Government, further than we are now, if we can avoid it,— and we must govern ourselves in fisheries accordingly.— The fishery department tipped it from us!—

Yours Sincerely,—
D. W. Kerr— M.P.—

Hamilton, - Ont.
10. April 1885. - -

Sir, -

Yr Overseer, D. Sharp's, letter, dated Port Ryerse, 6th April 1885. - is received; attempting to complain of Angus Schomacker or "Complains of issuing a licence to August Schomacker," —

If this complaint is made by Overseer D. Sharp, - against me; I deny the charge! - Please refer to No: 2. of my application to you of the 7th March last, for licence for Angus Schomacker, - Normandale! —

And in obedience to your instructions, said letter being referred to me for report, on 9th April 85. and received by me this day. - -

I beg to report, that I am very sorry for poor Overseer Sharp, - indeed to be childish in his remarks, about Mr August Schomacker, - no matter about what happened at Long Point two years ago, as it has nothing to do with the present case! besides Overseer, - Sharp - is tampering with his Oath of office, - in delaying to deliver to Angus Schomacker, - a certain fishing licence according to your instructions. . . .

Even suppose the gill nets, - were not Schomacker's, he fished them! and if Overseer - Sharp, - had read the Law! - as I advised him; then he would discover his duty was to seize these gill nets instantly. —

If Schomacker, broke the law, he done so by fishing perhaps, - within the licensed limits of David Jackson, of Normandale, - and it may be with Jackson's permission! then Jackson, - did not complain! see section 13. of the Fisheries Act! —

Overseer Sharp, - should not be tolerated to use such becoming language towards any fisherman! bearing that he

S. P. Bunsel Esq 22nd

for The deputy of Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa, Ont.

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neglected his duty himself. . . .

The facts of the case are these! — I understood from Mr. Sharp, that Schumacher, had a license through him from you, to fish for Sturgeon, in Lake Erie, — last year. — Schumacher's name was sent in Coxswain Sharp's return for year ending 31st December 1884. —

The sturgeon fishing closed early last fall, — Schumacher, took advantage of the open season and fished his Nets, during gale weeks, — as Mr. Sharp's letter to me, dated 2nd of January last, Copy, No: 1, — will tell you! and the Nets and Pickets, Schumacher, caught on the occasion complained of, are all included in last years returns with the sturgeon! made by Mr. Sharp, to the department, on the 19th January last. —

Schumacher, had a license to fish in Lake Erie, west, and east of Grand River; you sent me the license, I delivered it. — And Jno Coxswain, Sharp, — he got your license to fish, after he left my division, and he fished again in Lake Erie, west of Long point! — paying for two Boat licenses last year. —

And he has already paid for two licenses for this year. — Coxswain Sharp, should sign and deliver the licenses, he refers to, for this year! — per Oath of Office, to obey all instructions given. E. E. — . —

My letters in answer to Coxswain Sharp's letters to me, about Schumacher, are submitted for your information! every thing so far as I am concerned is above board! — And this day, I have no wilful fishing for a fisherman! When I reported to you last season, the misfortune Coxswain Sharp, had in breaking his right leg, you instructed me to attend to his duties, — I have done so, to the best of my humble ability. —

I abstain from passing any further remarks, on Mr Sharp's letter to you! —

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Please read Cresswell Sharpe's letter to me No: 1. and my reply No: 2,- thereto to him. —

Also Sharpe's letter No: 3,- to me! and my answer, No: 4, thereto, in reply to him. —

And I hope you will now find my report satisfactory. — With due respect. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,—

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

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P.S.

Mr Wilder of Buffalo buys fish, — as cheap Lake Erie. - from Rankin to Mr Manley. —

It was Mr Wilder who supplied the Turkey fish fishermen with the Herring gill nets, - and took the fish they caught in pay for Nets, - he supplied them with!! -

And Lastly, — and Confidential!! -

It was Mr E. J. Wilder, Fish dealer, Buffalo, - who gave me the information, - that Sylvanus Young, Esq. Port Bruce's Fisheries 5 pound note - instead of two, last year; was wrongly returned in the first place, by Overseer, Mr McBride! - for said he, I bought the fish, Young caught with these Pounds, - and I know it, I was at Port Bruce and saw the 5 pounds! — pardon me! - Yours Obediently. —

11th April 1895! - J. W. Kerr J. P.

Hamilton. Ont. —
10. April 1885. —

Sir. —

In connection with the case of Conner Sharp, vs. Schomacher; — I now attach a letter from Richard Clark, a fisherman of Turkey point; which will show you the state of excitement, existing among Turkey point, fishermen, on about the 15th January last . . .

Having received this letter, I proceeded to Turkey point, on the 19th January last, distance there and back 122, miles. — I saw Clark, the writer of the letter, and Brook, referred to, therein! men of large families of young female children! and having heard all they had to say. I arranged the matter satisfactorily. —

On my way up to the point I called at Conner Sharps, he was not able to accompany me; but agreed to meet me at Port Dover, on my return, which he did. —

I find an entry in my diary - for that day, — at P. Dover, Held a consultation with D. Sharp, Conner, respecting gill net fishing for herring and pickerel, in Outer Bay, P. point. — I recommended the fishermen to apply for gill net licences to Conner Sharp. I would see him at Pt. Dover, on my return back; and arrange the business; which I did! —

At this time. Clark, Jackson and Davis, were fishing! — Having gill nets under the Ice, — Holman, was seine fishing, and Schomacher, was away in Buffalo. — — —

This matter of difference between Conner Sharp, and Schomacher, — should be stamped out effectually at once. — Nothing serious happened, by Schomacher introducing her=ring gill net fishing! which is much needed; especially when so many inroads to our fisheries, injurious to our fishermen: are being made by Companys, whose acts are intolerable! — I have other letters! — I Have the Honor to be,

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

S. C. Bennet, Esqre
For Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, —
Ottawa. —

Hamilton, Ont. —

Sir. 11th April 1885. —

I send you herewith, Bank draft, No: 514, for the sum of Fifteen dollars, —

Will you be pleased to apply this amount as follows: — for this current year 1885. —

1. Patrick Stand, Winona: — For a Boat licence to fish 3.000, yards of Salmon Trout, and White fish gill nets, at least, 5. inches extension measure. —

And 2.000, yards of Herring gill nets, at least, 2¾", and 3", inches, extension measure. — —

In Lake Ontario in front of the townships of Saltfleet and Grimsby, — amount is. — $ 5. 00 ct.

2. Thomas Stand, Winona! For do, do, — — 5. 00 ct.

3. James H. Wacker, - Clinton, For a licence, to be the same as last year. — — — 5. 00 ct.

I beg to recommend that you will be pleased to issue the above Licences, at your convenience. —

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. -

Your Obedient Servant. —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer.

The Deputy Minister. —
Department of Fisheries. —
Ottawa! —

D. Sharp Esq.
Fishery Overseer. —
Port Ryerse. — Ont.

Hamilton. Ont.
13. April 1885. —

My dear Sharp! —

Referring to my letter to you of 20th February last. marked private! I have since applied for a licence for Frank Jackson. and J. W. Preston. of Turkey point, V. V. V.

For the privilage of setting your pound nets, only. with a single head or "pot" on each pound. —

"In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie "lying about Houghton Centre in the County of "Norfolk. and Little Otter. Township of Dayton, in "the County of Elgin!" — Licence fee $160.00. Ex. 7th March last. I made the application, and apprised you on the 8th of March. of my having done so; and I stated in my application I had done so! — To. deputy Minister. Ottawa! —

I have since received the Licence. per letter of 31st March. notified the parties. and all others concerned! paide the $160. — to the

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Fisheries department. Ottawa! —

Your division of Houghton, goes to the Township and County line! a little west of Hemlock Creek! then commences Overseer Alexander McBrides - division of Elgin. —

I have also countersigned the licence for F. Jackson, & Coy, — as per instructions. from deputy Minister, - as in duty bound. per Oath of Office. — —

From the west end of your division to the Little Otter, in Overseer McBrides division. will be about 3 miles. — —

In the the letter of 31st March, — sending me Pound Net licence. for F. Jackson. & Coy. for to countersign and deliver. —

The deputy Minister writes to me! — August Schoumacher's licence has been sent to Overseer Sharp, —

As usual! Yours. V. —

John W. Kerr —
Fishery Overseer.

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Private!

Captain.-

Alley. Mc Bride Esq re

Fishery Overseer.-

St. Thomas, Ont.-

Stamilton. Ont.-
13. April 1885.-

My dear Sir....

Yours of 9 th instant, is receivd, I will pass by your obligation to me. for the description, I sent you of a double Header Round Net,- and now come to the main object in view!- viz: Your indebtedness to the Fisheries department- Ottawa! in the sum of $104.- Licence fees collected by you; and which you have used up in your own business, instead of properly sending the amount as you were in duty bound to the Fisheries department. Ottawa! Just as you say- you sent the $80,- for 2 pound net licence- from Tyrconnel.- I certainly was under the impression, that the moment you saw Doctor Wilson, from what you told me yourself, when last at your place: the money would be paid,-

Doctor Wilson. M. P.- for East Lagin, has come to St Thomas.- you have seen him- he will say!- and he has gone back to Ottawa again: Your promise to pay when Dr Wilson came to St Thomas,- will appear to be now made for some other purpose! or why not pay now at once!.. I have a copy of the Remarks, most kindly friendly letter to you! offering to take back the money,- and wait a time for the balance!-

What is the reason, you dont do this, in accordance with your telegraph!-.. Thus!-

St. Thomas, April 4. 1885.-

S. C. Bascat. Everything will be made satisfactory next week. Alley. Mc Bride.-

Coursaer Fisheries,-

You should Keep your promise with me, and that more recently made; with Mr Bascat. If you are now, determined to do the fair, upright, square thing, by paying up: say so, and I will come again to St Thomas, and by your paying up as you now propose,- I will endeavour to assist you all I can! for nothing gives me more pleasure than to help a friend.

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in distress! if you delay longer to pay up, I cannot say what the result may be! —

For Heaven sake, now that Doctor Wilson, seems to have left you in the lurch, make an effort, and rise above him, and his patients, —

I must now tell you, that John Lawson, — Dr. Post Master, Port Stanley, — for to fish 3,000 yards of White fish gill net, not less than 5 inches mesh, extension measure, in the public waters of Lake Erie, in front of the townships of Yarmouth, and Dunwich, between Port Stanley, and Point! was sent to me by the department to countersign and deliver! I mailed it to him, on Saturday! — Others — Frank Jackson, and J. W. Preston, of Dunkirk, — have obtained a license. for which they paid $160, — for the privilege of setting gill nets only, with a single head or Pot — on each pound. —

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, lying about Houghton Lanta, in the County of Norfolk, and Little Otter, Township of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin. —

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This leaves to Jackson and Preston, dispose of your premises to Captain Tate! of a portion of the Fishing ment, from Otterville, Norfolk. —

I have not yet heard, who wrote me this week, in the long letter you sent him, and about Dr. Wilson!

Pay the money, or as much of it as you can, and whenever you are prepared to do so, drop me a line or telegraph and I will come up: don't delay! or it may as well be arranged, and done at once; the sooner it is, the better. I will still do anything, that lies within my power for you, — Tell you me a foundation, on which to begin! —

Mr. Barnett has a responsible duty to perform, — then endeavour to do what he asks you! — and when you are prepared to do this, send for me: pay me over the cash — and as your demand is a reasonable one! you can in Justice count on me to help you all I can. believe me, with Kind regards —

Yours Sincerely. —

J. Phillips — P. O.

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Private!

Memorandum, for D. P. Bancast Esqre
Fisheries department,—
Ottawa.—Ont.

Your telegraphs,— from Mc Bride to you is received!— How that Dr. Wilson, M.P.,— has been home to St. Thomas, during Easter recess,— and gone back to Ottawa, again, and nothing done,— altho' faithfully promised! I have now, no more confidence in any thing Canscaw, Mc Bride,— may say about this 1,041. collected by him as licence fees, during the past year, and not paid in to you!— Shameful!!!.

In a letter, I received from him, dated 9th instant, and which I now submit for your perusal, the Canscaw, makes an admission; if correct, destroys all the confidence I had in him!— On page 2, marked ✕ he says: "last year collections $1.200; and salary only $.50."—

In reply to this, I may say to you now, that Canscaw, Mc Bride, as you are aware only

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returned, 24 pounds, fishing in front of County of Kejim, in Lake Erie during year 1884, at $40, each pound! = in first place! $ 960.00
Head 8 Lines,— do. do. do, .. 41.00
Total,— $ 1.001.00
By Gauthiers draft paid! 160.00
Balance due!— then! $ 841.00

Subsequently I discovered,
3. additional Pounds, at Pt. Bruce, not returned by Mc Bride.— } " 120.00
2. Pounds at New Glasgow!— .. 80.00
Add Gauthiers paid!— .. 160.00
Total amount altogether. $ 1.201.00

which agrees with the words of his letter interlined or under lined!— I was always under the impression, that Sylvanus Young Esqr,— Port Bruce— had not yet paid $120. for 3. additional pounds,— I now believe Mc Bride, has collected that $120,— alas! and if so, he may be marked down as a Swindler.— Who, knows, what money he may have

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if he has the spark of a man in him - he will pay - after all I said to him. —

And if any money comes from him, it will come to you through me this week.

He says in his letter to me, that he got $80. for two pounds, at Tyrconnell, - and sent it to you! - I wrote and told him John Elliott Esq. Post Stanley, - Boat licence, - was received by me with instructions - to countersign and deliver! — which I had done! - And I also notified him that Frank Jackson and J. W. Preston, - Yorkers, had received a licence from department. Ottawa, for which they paid $160 - for the privilege of setting four pound nets only, with a single head or "pot", on each pound! — In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, - lying almost Houghton Centre, in the County of Norfolk, and little Otter, in the township of Raylam, in the County of Elgin. — I also apprised Conway - Mr. Sharp - of receipt of this licence. —

Please send me incidentals - I expect McBride will send for me. — And if he does I would collected during the years previous to 1884, and of which you have no account. —

I told you, I would confide - in Conway, McBride, - until I saw what Dr. Wilson, M.P. was seen by him! - Would then do! — —

Now that Dr. Wilson, and McBride, have met, with result in his letter to me, herewith sent for your perusal! - I must candidly confess to you! my confidence in his paying the $1041, - balance of licence fee for year 1884. is now shaking, and shaken! -

Asking for more time; writing you a long letter; and getting Dr. Wilson, - M.P. to go, and see you! all, every thing, seems to me; very suspicious! - I have watched all McBride's movements, closely, - and I have no more faith in the man, - nor in his promises! - He wants more time. for some other object than I fear, than paying you the $1041. -

I have answered his letter, and I talked to him rational, and sensible to him, and

King
site to know some[illegible] from you! — see
his letter to me. —
If he sees fit to give me
pleasure! —
When he talks about his collections
last year! they are very[illegible]
about that, until it is quite
departments, Ottawa. — —
I write this plain to you,
friend, — for forgive me, if
I am more clear, for fear
Legis. — She last I am of
they have arrived at Ottawa
may for protect our
who have gone today. Gone
their Queen, Country, —
tation. — Have for leave

Yours obediently
J. O. —

Ottawa, Ont. —
15. April 1885. 2

Mr. Bennett.
What am I to do in
this case! please instruct me. and return
this!
Hamilton, Ont.
17. April 1885.

Mailed on the 18th
April 1885. - - - - 2

Messrs. Patrick Hand. —
and
Thomas Hand. —
Fishermen. —

Two printed Ottawa, Ont.
Fishing Licenses. 2 3

April 5.--

1885.-			$	¢	
April. 11th.	Patrick Stand.-	Boat License for fish 5,000 yards of gill nets, in the public waters of Lake Ontario, during the year 1885.- The amount is,-	5.	00.-	Sent on 11th April, Bank draft, No. 514, for $5.- dated Bank of Montreal, City of Hamilton,- April 11th 1885.--- See accompanying letter, Mailed on same day.
do.-	Thomas Stand,	do, do, do.-	5.	00.	
do,	James St. Walker,-	For a license to fish a small seine, also some gill nets, during the year 1885, amount is,-	5.	00.	
1885.	See letter, sent with Money, draft 514.				
April. 14th.	Mrs. Jane Leist.	For a Seine license, at Niagara, during this current year; the amount now sent is,-	15.	00.-	Sent on 15. April, Bank draft, No: for $30.- dated Bank of Montreal, City of Hamilton, 15th April 1885. See accompanying letter, Mailed on same day.
do.-	Mrs. Jane Leist.-	a For Boat license.	5.	00	
do..	J. M. Babcock, & Bro,-	For a Boat license in public waters, Lake Ontario, during the year 1885,- amount sent.	10.	00.-	
		Total....	$	45.	00 ¢

I certify this account for $45.- is correct.-
Hamilton, Ont.-
15th April 1885.-

John Wilkinson.-
Fishery Overseer.-

To. The Deputy Minister.
Department of Fisheries,-
Ottawa, Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.—
15. April 1885.—

Sir.

I Have the honor to send you herewith, Bank draft No: 524, for the sum of Thirty dollars. Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current year 1885, as Licenses to fish.—Viz.

1. Mrs Jane Elliot. Niagara! For a seine hauling license to fish two seines,—already received, and delivered!— $15.00 cts.

2. Mrs Jane Elliot. Niagara! For a Boat license, already received and delivered!— —5.00 cts.

3. J. M. Babcock and Co., — Burlington!— For a Boat license, to fish in the public waters of Lake Ontario, between the Red outlet,— and the wharf at Burlington village, 1,500 yards of 2¾" mesh meshes, Herring gill nets,— the same being situated in the Township of Nelson,— County of Halton! the full amount is to be $15.— now sent you!— $10.00 cts.

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant this License!— respectfully submitted....

I Have the Honor to be,—
Sir.—
Your Obedient Servant.—
John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

The Deputy Minister.—
Department of Fisheries,—
Ottawa, Ont.

P.S. Please refer to the accompanying printed letter herewith.... J. W. Kerr.— D.O.—

Memorandum for S. P. Bauset Esqre
Fisheries Department.—
Ottawa! Ont.—

I am in receipt of your instructions. for to proceed to St. Thomas,- V. V. . . .

I shall start, for there, from here: by 10.50. a.m.- Train on Wednesday,- tomorrow morning: and I expect to arrive there by 3.30. p.m.: -

It is a mistake! about your being under the impression: that I recommended 15 pounds, in the case of John Ellison Jr. he only applied for 8,- . .

One pound of the 8,- was to be set East of Port Stanley Harbour,- and the other 7. pounds were to be set west of Pt. Stanley Harbour: extending from the Harbour to Plum. point- distance about 8 miles. . . The omission of two words,- lead you to suppose that John Ellison applied for 15 pounds! - whereas he only asked for 8,- altogether! . . . .

I find in Overseer, Mr. Brides recommendation Foster and Swan,- to have four pounds,- East to the Town line,- from Port Burwell - Harbour, distance about 4 miles. . . .

1.- Foster and Swan,- You say now in your instructions to me! — You recommended 4. pounds,- Mr. Bride, the same! and the thing was promised; it may go.-

I may state that in furnishing you with the private, and confidential letter of 25 March: — I done so to post you! with regard,- to what Overseer, Mr. Bride proposed he would lay before you! 50 Pounds, within a distance of 60. miles is too many,- and would ultimately as you say! lead to extensive and destructive fishing. . . .

I will then, you may now rely upon me, that I will do my duty for you and in the interest of the fisheries and for their protection; to the best of my Judgement: and I expect Overseer Mr. Bride, will be guided by what I will suggest. -

A serious loss, is sure to fall on a great many of the fishermen, discouraged as

most undoubtedly they have been, by Coroner Mc Bride, - to incur additional expensive outlay, in the purchase of at least 21, - additional pounds for this year: over 29, - pounds Jailed last year . . .

I pity Mr Bride, when your decision is given: that so many pounds - shall be Jailed and no more according to our Joint report to you! -

Here is now another matter, that has just turned up! that I feel is my bounden duty to apprise you of, - so as to prevent unpleasantness! -

It appears that Thos Jackson, and John W. Preston! were granted a license, for the privilege of setting four pounds, - note only! with a single head or Pot. on each pound.

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, lying about Houghton Centre, in the County of Norfolk, - and Little Otter, in the County of [illegible].

When I made application on the 7th March last, after consulting with Coroner Clapp, & Mr Bride our previous Jail have been taken to Vittoria & Simcoe: of the ground last of Port Dover Harbour to the Town line! and the documents received from you the day, - for the first time, give me the name of Simcoe - in addition to Vittoria . . . .

I may now inform you - so as not to cause confusion! that from the Little Otter, - to the town and County line, is about 3 miles, - and this as you may see is already granted by License to Jackson and Preston, - hence for 3 lbs. pounds.

I have apprised the parties, but the license is still in my possession, countersigned and ready for delivery. - In the proper course of time, - after Coroner, Mr Bride, & I, both matters over. I shall again refer the case for your adjudication as between Vittoria and Simcoe! - and Jackson and Preston! - For the 3 miles, from a longer part of the grounds, - promised, and recommended by Coroner, Mr Bride, to be given to Vittoria and Simcoe. * - I really wonder if Mr Bride, has Simcoe interest in Sydenham Young - Jailer at Port Dover!" If the roads, are at all passable, I would not mind taking a run along Lake Erie - from one end of the County, to the other, if you approve of it.

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after Mr Pride and I sat down the number of Pounds - to be picked, by whom! specifying this.

You can still telegraph me to the Dalhousie House! or write me, and I shall be at your service! -

Here is part of my letter to Mr Pride! thus: "I have a copy of the Remarks most kindly, friendly "letter to you, offering to take half the money, and "wait a time for the balance! "

"What is the reason you dont do this in accordance with your telegraph! "

"You should keep your promise, with me, and "that more recently made, - with the Consul. " - -

"If you are even now determined to do the "fair, upright, square thing by paying up, say so, "and I will come again to St Thomas, - and "by your paying up as you propose, I will en- "deavour to assist you all I can, - for nothing "gives me more pleasure, than to help a friend in "distress! - if you delay longer to pay up, it "cannot say what the result may be. - and "so now for to purge! - the Consul has it -

"responsible duty to perform, then endeavour to "what he asks you! and when you are prepared "to do this, send for me; and as you demand it a "reasonable one; you can in justice count on me to "help you, all I can, believe me with kind regards.

Yours Sincerly, -

I wrote Cameron, - Mr Pride - perhaps two or three, - however the occasion required it. - - - - -

I am fighting for you! my best friend - and the Dalhousie and I hope success - with some my efforts, - I am off paid to day, - the 45th Montreal Regiment, is at Calgary, -

With much respect. -

I am, Your Obedient Servant,

Phill Kerr -
Deputy Consul.

Hamilton, Ont. -
14th April 1885.

P.S. I just got a letter from Jackson to send his license to Newcastle, I will attend until I hear from you! Custom to be, have got out poles for selling, I am sending this forward, - Phill Kerr.
P.S.

April 15. 1885. 5. A. m.—

Since 2. a. m.— I never closed an eye! thinking every time, how I can this day, after I get to the Thames, to shape my course, and how to make enough satisfaction, for the great confidence you repose in me, in your own behalf, the district, and the protection of our valuable fisheries.— Will fear help, I will do my duty;— that you may rely upon! I cannot even endure Mr. Pride. What in the name of Common sense, is come over him, I can scarcely believe the same to you! after I have read his application for 54 pounds net license to be fished within a distance of about 60 miles, the thing is monstrous!—

In my application for Jackson and Preston, I computed the distance between Naughton Creek, and the Little Otter to be about 8 miles

I will not leave St. Thomas, on tomorrow, should I get through, until 6 40. p. m.— do

that a telegraph will reach me there:— that again, I have been thinking that will we make our report to you and the Department! and it is apprehended, it might not be necessary for me to go from the west side of Malahide, to the east side of Bayham.— County of Elgin, on the Lake!:

What you contemplate doing, I approve of, as it will be the salvation of the Fisheries, but must it cause excitement, and place Mr. Pride in a bad position! but then, he has himself to blame — doing all things on his own responsibility — as his Father Jones has been, without authority from Fisheries department.— I remember Mr. Pride saying to me — it was wonderful — how the take of fish yearly was kept up! 54 pounds,— 1 pound on each mile of Lake frontage — if allowed, would soon clean all the fish out.—

Yours &c. J. W. Kerr, D. F. O.

S. B. Bennett Esq. Dy. Department. Otta.

Mr. Pride, will hold from me, No. of pounds, he is to have this year!—

Hamilton, Ont.-
16. April 1885.---

Sir.-

With reference to the applications already made to The Department of Fisheries, in behalf of Pound Net fishermen, in Lake Erie, fronting on the County of Kegin, computed in the first place at 54. pounds,- under license, within a Lake frontage of about 60 miles, during current season.----

We beg to report, that by mutual consent, we have considered, that to recommend that licenses for to fish 54. pounds be granted during this present year, within said limits in Lake Erie, would not be in the interest of the Fisheries, the public nor the Department of Fisheries. It would be a passive fishing for to do this!-

We have therefore come to the conclusion, for to recommend for your consideration a curtailment in Pounds, as well as a redistribution of the fishing stations, and we now submit the same for your consideration...

No: 1,- Station.--

Robert Mowbray,- at Eagle,- Township of Aldboro,- For a license to fish 3. pounds,- single heads, or pots,- on each pound.-

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, lying in front of the township of Aldboro,' say from the west side of Lot No: 1,- to the centre of Lot No: 8,- distance- 6 miles, at $40. per' amount,- $.120.00 cts.

No: 2. Station.-

S. T. Reaves,- Windsor, For a license to fish 2. pounds, single heads or "pots",- on each pound.--

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, lying in front of the township of Aldboro,' say from the west side of Lot No: 10,- to the west side of Lot S. C. Bausatheg[illegible]

for Deputy Minister. 3 1.-
[illegible]ment of Fisheries,- 3

No: 16. distance about 5 miles. at $40. per, - $.80.00 c.

No: 3. Station. - - -

Charles W. Gauthier, - Sandwich, - At Eagle dock. - -

For a license to fish 4. pounds, single heads or "pots" - on each pound. -

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, Ly= ing in front of ! say ! from the west side of Lot No: 16, - to the east side of Lot No: 20, - township of Aldboro, - distance 4. miles, - at $40. per. - $.160.00 c.

No: 4. Station. -

Daniel Laing - at Eagle, Aldboro, and Dunwich. - -

For a license to fish 3 pounds, - single heads or "pots" - on each pound. -

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, - say ! one pound opposite Lot, No: 1, - Dunwich. - -

And two pounds, west from No: 1. in Dunwich, to the centre of Lot No: 22, - in Aldboro, distance 5 miles. - at $40. per pound, $.120.00 c.

No: 5. Station. -

Alleyne John Church, and J. Page, Dunwich. -

For a license to fish 2. pounds, single heads. or "pots" on each pound. -

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, Ly= ing in front ! say ! between the east side of No: 1, - to the west side of lot No: 6, - township of Dunwich. distance about 3 miles, at $40. per, - $.80.00 c.

No: 6. Station. -

W. H. Church, - Tyrconnell. -

For a license to fish 2, pounds, single heads or pots. on each pound. -

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, Between lots, Nos: 5, and No: 12. township of Dunwich distance 4 miles, at $40. per, $.80.00 c.

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No: 7. Station.-

John Session, Jr. Port Stanley.-

For a license to fish 6. pounds,- single heads or "pots",- on each pound.---

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie,- Between the west side of Lot No: 12,- Dunwich, to the townline, between Dunwich and Southwold.- distance 8 miles,- at $40. per.- $.240.00 cts.-

No: 8. Station.-

John Price,- Port Stanley.-

For a license, to fish 6. pounds, single heads or "pots" on each pound.-

In that part of the public waters of Lake Erie, bay! between Lots No: 3. and 4,- in Southwold, for his west pound, and thence on to Lot No: 25, in Yarmouth,- at $40. per, $.240.00 cts.

No: 9. Station.-

Sylvanus Young, and Son,-

For a license to fish 5 pounds,- single heads or "pots",- on each pound.-

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, bay! from west side of Lot No: 25,- Yarmouth, to Lot No: 19, in Malahide.- distance 8. miles,- at $40. per.- $.200.00 cts.-

No: 10. Station.-

George A. Brown,- Port Burwell.-

For a license to fish 3. pounds, single heads or Pots on each pound.-

In that portion of the public waters of Lake Erie, situated between the Station, at Port Burwell, and the west side of Lot No: 3,- township of Bayham.- distance 4 miles, at $40. per pound.-- $.120.00 cts.

No: 11. Station.—

Captain David Foster, and Henry Lewis, Esq. Commissioners for laying out 3 square miles round Fort on each square.—

In that portion of the public notice of this Day, in front of that portion of the Township of Raglan, lying between the Station at Port Ruapuke, and the Town, East, west of Nineteen Mile, distance about 4½ miles. at £40. per square. say,— £120.00.0

We beg to report, that after Junction & Ruapuke Port, have thereof received a Notice for this second year, which more what Foster & Lewis applied for. Some 3/4. of a mile.—

Now that if Junction and Ruapuke, with the exception of Square A. Nineteen Station No: 11— they are three all in front of Matakitaki, from Lots Nos: 25. to 19.— distance 10 miles.——

That if Junction and Ruapuke do not appear to this proposition, give Junction and Ruapuke permission to pick the square at Nineteen Mile, & give the balance of the square to Foster and Lewis for to pick their three squares, just as you may determine.——

Respectfully submitted, and recommended for your consideration.—

We have the honor to be &c.—

I.—

Your Obedient Servants,—

[illegible]

[illegible]

Deputy Surveyor.—

P.S.

Both of the squares for which Surveys were applied for are here struck off Yesterday.—

[illegible]

Memorandum for S. O. Report Supt.
Fisheries Department.
Ottawa!-

1. p. m., Just got Home from St Thomas. I send you report, with as little delay as possible. - I missed your letter, have telegraphed St Thomas, to send letter, back here to me!-

I intend to make some remarks on the report, will do so on tomorrow, when I receive your letter from St Thomas. -

Yours respectfully. -

Hamilton, Ont.
17. April 1895.

John W. Kerr -
Fishery Overseer.

Captain Alexander McKinda,
Statistician House,-
St Thomas -

Please send back here, ~~extract~~ a letter sent by mail to your place for me today. -

John W. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton.
17. April 1895. -

Abonnement 3r. 4. 6. Monat Imp.
Christus Imperator.
Rathaus.

1. p.m. Post per Thee. Pour Mlle Thee.
Thee per Expert. mail or Fine delay =
possible. - 3 passes pour Lettre. Thee
Telegraphen Mlle Thee. Le sous Lettre.
Sault Fire to me !-

Visitors to make some remarks on the
report, mille or to or Thousand. Coffee
3 passes pour Lettre Pour Le Thee. -
Pierre Imperatrice! -
Christ Thee -
Christus Imperator

Mannheim. Sept.
17. Septbr 1866.

Reception Telegramm Ihrer Majestät.
Mannheimer Hause.-
Mlle Thee -

Thee sous sault sur.
Expérience a Lettre sault Imp Thee le pour
Thee pour me Sault. -

Christ Thee -
Christus Imperator.

Mannheim.
17. Septbr 1866.-

Copy.-

Hamilton, Ont, -
25. March 1884...

Sir.-

I Have the honor to apply to you for a License in behalf of Messrs James St. Walker, and John St. Smith. of Clinton, County of Lincoln. -

For a Boat license to fish 1.000. yards of legal 5 inch. mesh White fish gill net, - - - And Herring gill nets, in Lake Ontario, in front of Lots, Nos 17. 18. 19. and 20, Broken front Concession, township of Clinton: and to extend from the beach outwards for a distance of 3 miles in front of the same.!- for year 1884....

And also the privilege of fishing a small seine, 120. yards long, in Lake Ontario, in front of said lots, during this current year, license fee to be altogether $ 8. payable on delivery of License..

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant the same.. Respectfully Submitted. —

I Have the Honor to be,
Sir. -
Your Obedient Servant. —
John W. Kerr. -
Fishery Overseer.

S. O. Bunnet Esq
Acting Com: of Fisheries.
Ottawa! -

Note! - Please refer to my application. No: 3. of 11th of April 1885.- James St. Walker, Clinton.- For a license to be the same as last year! - $ 5.00/.

Note same as last year. abreast of Lots. 17. 18. 19. & 20. E. township of Clinton. E. J. W. Kerr. - D.O.

Hamilton, Ont.—

My dear Wellcome! — 17. April 1885. . . .

I am just in receipt of yours of the 11th instant, on my return home here this. p.m., at 1. o'clock, from St. Thomas. — where I had been to regulate Pounds Net. licences — in Lake Erie, during this current year! —

I agree with you, dont permit Jim Peake's son in law Greenlaw — for to fish Pike gills nets in Duffins Creek, — neither you nor I, have the power to do anything of the Kind, —

If you go down there quietly, — get a Boat, and go round in the marsh of Duffins Creek, you will find Greenlaws Pike gills nets — set out, for he belongs to a family who destroy the fish on every occasion they get the chance! — Let us protect Duffins Creek, you and I, — for those respectable people you refer to! — Hand the Notice I send you, to old Mr. John Gordon. . . . We must not allow ourselves — to be tempted to break the Law! —

(1.)

the same as perhaps Gordon — did — Jim Peake! Wm. and John Hatteraik! —

You! Know them all! —

As soon as I get a chance, — I must run down to Toronto! — Jack Stanlan, young Ganga Durnan, and a person named Garratt, are, I heard to day — fishing Pike gills nets all over Toronto Bay, —

I have got orders from the Minister, not to interfere with the fisheries in Toronto, and Metbridges Bay, — when I got the letter today, — I just wrote on it, what shall I do, in this case, please instruct me! I will let you know the result, dont stir nor move a peg in this case, until I hear from the Minister. —

And with Kind regards —

Yours Sincerely. —

John W. Kerr —

Fishery Overseer. —

Wm. Wellcome Esq.
Fishery Overseer. —
Highland Creek.
Ont.

Hamilton

17 April 1880

Sir, -

I have the honor to receive copy of letter, from Mr. Charles Hurse, Hotel Keeper at the Humber, on Lake Ontario, addressed to N. C. Wallace Esq.re M. P. and by him laid before, and submitted to The Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries Ottawa. -

Soliciting permission to Seine haul and fish in Lake Ontario, near the mouth of the Humber, in front of the premises and property of C. Hurse, for Suckers. &c.

And now sent to me by you to report upon the same. - - -

I beg therefore to report that I am certainly in favour of permitting Mr. Charles Hurse, to Seine haul and fish in Lake Ontario, off his own premises, and in the public waters in front of the same; say up to the 20th. of May next. - - It will do no harm to the fisheries whatever, - provided it meets your approbation. - - -

This season, from the past experience, I have had, in matters fishing; Suckers will sell in Toronto, for about $4. per 100 fish. -

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant a Seine license to Charles Hurse, as above for the privilege of catching suckers, - at the Rate of $5. but he shall not be permitted to Seine haul in Lake Ontario, on the Parkdale side of the Humber Bridge, under any circumstance. -

Respectfully Submitted. -

I have the Honor to be. -

Sir. -

Your Obedient Servant. -

John W. Kerr. - F. Enere

S. C. Bennet Esq.re
for Deputy Minister. -
Department of Fisheries. -
Ottawa. Ont.

Hamilton, Ont.-
18. April 1885.-

Sir.-

I have the honor to send you, Bank draft, No: [illegible], for the sum of Twenty dollars.---

Will you be pleased to apply this amount for this current season of 1885.- Viz^t.

1. Mrs, and Chester A. Harris. Fort Erie, For a licence to fish in the Niagara River, at Fort Erie, already received, and delivered! balance sent in July. - $10.00 cts.

2, Richard Gilbert, Jordan Station, For a licence to fish a Seine 120 yards long, - and 500, yards, of Pike gill nets, 3½" inch, mesh.- in the public waters of the County of Lincoln, township of South... $10.00 cts

Total.- $20.00 cts

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant licence to Mr. Gilbert, this year, at the rate of Ten dollars.- In consequence of sickness, and the death, of his eldest daughter, last year, he was unable to pay his licence fee - for 1884:- $15.00 cts ...

Always punctual in his payments, before! I respectfully recommend, that you will be pleased under the said circumstances of his case! to forgive him last years licence fee altogether.---

I recommend that you will be pleased to grant Richard Gilbert, a licence, as above.---for 1885....

I have the Honor to be,-
Sir.-
Your Obedient Servant.-
John W. Kerr.-
Fishery Overseer.

L. P. Bowell Esqr
Dep^y Minister,
Department of Fisheries.
Ottawa!-

Private Memorandum.- for S. P. Rousset. Esqre
Fisheries department. -Ottawa !-

No: 1. Station ! Robert Moorhay.- applied for a license to Fish 4. pounds.- had them on hand ! Mc^Bride and I. recommended 3 pounds. be Licensed to him. -

No: 2. Station.. - S. Z. Reeves, applied for a Licence to fish 2. pounds.- Mc^Bride and I recommend 2 pounds be licensed. . . . -

No: 3. Station.- Chas: W. Gauthier, applied for a licence to fish 4 pounds.- we ! McBride & I recommend that the same may be granted. -

No: 4. Station, Danl Laing. applied for a licence to fish 5. pounds.- for good and sufficient reasons ! Mc^Bride, and I recommend that he be licensed to fish three pounds. . . .

No: 5. Station, John Church, and J. Cayo,- applied for a Licence to fish 2. pounds.- Mc^Bride and I. recommend a licence be granted for to fish two. - - -

No: 6. Station.. - W. H. Church. - applied for a licence to fish 2. pounds.- Mc^Bride and I. recommended a li= cence be granted for two. - -

No: 7. Station, John Cassiar Jr^ applied for a licence to fish 8 pounds.- Mc^Bride and I, recommend a licence be granted to fish six pounds.- He has about $75.000, invested in 2, Steamers, Boats. Nets. F. hence reason why, we are inclined to be li= beral in his case ! he is not in partnership with John Price, nor with any one else. -

No: 8. Station.. - John Price,- applied for a Licence to fish 12. pounds.- Mc^Bride and I. recommend a licence to be granted for to fish six pounds.- he has about 12.000 $. invested in 2. Steamers. Boats.- Nets.- F. F. and hence reason why we are inclined to be liberal with Mr^ Price ! it is supposed. Price and Cayne are

1.

in partnership...

I sent for Messrs Price and Ellison, and they came up from Port Stanley to St Thomas! where we all quickly discussed the question fishing that depleted the Fisheries, from Lexington, Point Pelee Island, Kingsville, &c. &c. &c. in Lake Erie. - That you had ordered me to come up there; and jointly with Coroner McBride, go over his list of the persons he had recommended to the Fisheries Department, Ottawa. - And having done so, that we had come to the conclusion to recommend that they Ellison, and Price, - be permitted to fish six pounds each during this current year. - That the limits set apart in Lake Erie, - for the fishing of this six pounds - be extended, and it was done accordingly. -

And they are satisfied, provided you grant licence to each, for to fish six pounds during this current year, within the limits we set apart for them. - -

No: 10. Station. - George A. Brown, applies for a licence to fish 6 pounds, - McBride and I, - recommend a licence to be granted, for to fish 3 pounds, -

No: 9. - Station. - Sylvanus Young and Son! - applies for a licence to fish 6 pounds, - McBride and I, - recommended a licence to be granted for to fish 5 pounds! - but Keeping in view, that you recommended 4. pounds, - I coincide with you, & now on considering the case I also recommend that Sylvanus Young & Son, be granted a licence for this current year, for to fish 4. pounds, -

No: 11. Station. - David Lee, and Nephew Lee, - applies for a licence to fish 4. pounds, - McBride it appears, promised them the grant, they applies for! - McBride and I, in going over, their application claim, decided to recommend that David Lee and Lewis, be granted a licence for to

Fish 3 pounds.. But Keeping in view that Jackson is a licensed fisherman of nearly 20 years standing, his claims should be taken into consideration in preference to Foster & Levy,- just applying for the first time, for a license to fish...

I believe Jackson and Levy,- being the first applicants - and having paid their money,- have a prior claim - to the grounds referred to in our joint report to you... However, on reconsideration, I recommend that Foster and Levy receive a license for the fish 2 pounds,- East of Pt Ormelle Harbour!- & Eighteen!- instead 3 pounds.. Giving spare to Jackson to fish one!

This matter, as well as many things else, contained in all Fishers report, and mine jointly,- of the 16th inst. is now left in your hands to determine...

I beg to return the sketch, - inspected me, showing the Lots fronting, of the County of Legin; and the Townships therein..

I also return you the fronting of papers, application &c for Lots not fronting, on counting down as again! they number Fifty five.....

Respectfully submitted,

John W Kerr
Fishery Overseer

Hamilton. Ont.
18. April 1885.

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Private!

Memorandum. for S. O. Beaucharge
Fisheries Department,
Ottawa. - Ont. -

As you will be desirous of hearing from me, the progress made towards obtaining for you the $1041.- from Duncan McBride, murdoch, and collected by him as fishery licenses for 1884! - I may say to you, at present the prospect of getting the money - appears to be slim!

McBrides spirit, appears willing, but the flesh is weak; here is the last phase the reputated promise to pay, has arrived at. —

Mr Macdougall, a good Lawyer, St Thomas. am of M. P. - Old Doctor McCarthy, his son, Mr McCarthy, Jr and Mr Wilson, - M. P. - all of St Thomas, are McBrides warm friends, advised him to buy the Statehouse House, and they would assist him, and he says, they have done so thus far. --

McBride, has paid a good deal of money on the place. - McBride told me Macdougall

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is very busy at present, attending the Assizes at London and Woodstock; as Crown Prosecutor. —

Besides! having 3 cases of Murder to attend to, in St Thomas, County of Elgin. - -

But for the busy position in which Macdougall is placed; together with Mr Wilson being absent at Parliament, - the money would have been paid, before this! - McBride says if they were engaged, and all at home at St Thomas, so that he could get the McCarthys, and them together, the matter would be soon settled, and the money paid! —

But McBride said, if he was dismissed; that he could blame no one; and he can do nothing until these people named met! - and they might not be able to do this until after Parliament was dissolved. - - This is the position, the matter is now stopped at. - -

I said and done all I could to get the money, or even part of it. - but all I could get in reply, was that he would pay as soon

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as he got these people together, perhaps in a week
more perhaps it might be longer!" "This things was
true: and Parliament dissolved!!"

"Do you instruct me, I answered, most obedient
Mr Pride, not to ask, nor accept any money in
payment of Licence fees, until such time, as reported
on by him, and me: was finally settled by you
and the licences were issued, this to promise to
do!" But what do you think, after a long dis-
cussion held, after we had told Pride and
Lecrim, of Port Stanley, what we intended to say
in our report regarding them. Mr Pride would
have taken £40. hence for, from John Lecrim, only
for me!.

Lecrim, it appears, from what he told me,
went to Mr Pride, and told him: I will give
you a cheque on the Merchants Bank, for £40.-
big pounds, - I will take it, and deposit it in
the Bank says Mr Pride..

"After Lecrim, prepared the cheque he came
and told me about it, and he offered the

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cheque to me! I refused the cheque, and I ad-
vised Lecrim not to give the cheque to Comm^r^
M^c^Pride, but wait until the Commissioners, you
have given your decision, and the same was
made known! To Mr Pride and my promise
ings that any was not final". - That

M^c^Pride and I, would make a report, and
send it to you without delay, and that it was the
wright to pay when his licence if our report
was adopted was presented to him.. -
Lecrim, took my advice....

Afterwards, late on thursday evening, Mr Pride,
told me the same story, that Lecrim, told him
he would give him a cheque for £40, hence
for for 6. pounds, for services your..

But on seeing Lecrim again! he told M^r^
Pride, he would wait for a few days longer.
I think your Excr, which I delivered to M^r^
Pride, not two hours, - staggers him!.
it is a good wise prudent order, however
M^c^Pride, you see, was wrong and willing

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List of Pound Net applicants in Lake Erie:— in front of the County of Elgin: for current year 1885. as per report of Overseers Alexander McBride, Sr Thomas, and John W. Kerr. Hamilton! made to D. P. Bunst Esqre for deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries.— Ottawa: dated at Hamilton, Ont. 16th April 1885...

Names.—	No: of Pounds applied for!—	No: of Pounds recommended to be given.
1. Robert Mowbray.—	4.—	3.—
2. D. T. Haines.—	2,—	2.—
3. Chas: W. Gauthier.—	4.—	4.—
4. Daniel Laing.—	5.—	3.—
5. John Church, & J. Page,	2.—	2.—
6. W. H. Church.—	2.—	2.—
7. John Lawson, Jr.,	3.—	6.—
8. S. Young, and Son.—	3.—	4.—
10. Geo: A. Brown.—	4.—	3.—
11. Foster, and Swan.—	4.—	2.—
8. John Price.—	12.—	6,
	Total. 55....	Total 37....

18. off all together....

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.

Hamilton, Ont,
18, April 1885...

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Hamilton. Ont.
22. March 1884.—

Dear Sir—

I would like very much, if you can possibly do it, that you will be pleased to grant Mrs Wheeler a License for this year of Grace 1884.——

She lives out on Burlington Bay, and the Dundas Road, in my Official capacity. I have often been glad to stop into her Hotel on the Heights.— Get something to eat, warmed up at a good price, and go a way again with renewed vigour.

She has always been very attentive to me whenever on such occasions I visit the place; and appears well adapted for Hotel Keeping. On the whole the Public speak well and favourable of her, and would like very much to see her obtain a License.—

And I most respectfully recommend that you will be pleased to grant her licence for this year 1884.—

Yours respectfully.—

John W. Kerr—
Fishery Overseer.
Hamilton. Ont.

J. W. Murton Esq
Chairman of Commissioners.
Hamilton.———

P. S. This is the first favour I have asked you for in your official capacity. J. W. Kerr—P.O.—

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Private!

Hamilton, Ont.—
21. April 1885.—

My dear Mr. McBride!—

I thank you most Kindly for being so prompt in sending me back the letter.—

I got home in time, and I sent our report, to the department, on the same evening. I cannot surmise what may be the result. But if not satisfied with what we have recommended! why it very easy for to strike off a few more.———

In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe, buy and wind up the license fees for 1884, amount $1041.— by payment of the whole or part.—

Here is what the letter you had sent back to me contained! thus:—

"I am still in hopes that Mr. McBride will "come out square.— anyhow, I am bound to

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"give him a little further respite, but after "this week is over, if I am not satisfied with "his dealings, I shall be compelled to act.— "You had better tell him that."—

Signed.— S. P. Barnett.—

Now my friend and brother, you have it all in a Nutshell.—

I wrote him to day— urged a little more time! and I told him everything you said to me about Majr. Macdougall, M. P.— Barrister, &c. the Doctors, McCarthy, father, and Son!— and Dr. Wilson, M. P.—

And in conclusion, believe me!—

"Yours Sincerely.—

John W. Kerr.—
Fishery Overseer.—

Captain,
Alex: McBride,
Fishery Overseer.—
St. Thomas, Ont,

P.S. Let us do! or die!!

J. W. Kerr.— P.S.—

Hamilton, Ont. ...

Sir...

21. April 1905. ...

As the Fisheries Department, I believe now hold:- That is no close season for Pike;- The more they kill, the better I most respectfully recommend, that the following named Farmers of Saltfleet and Barton: be permitted in Justice in Spring time of the year, and during such year to fish and catch pike in their own waters, within their own farms, situated on, and forming a large proportion of Burlington Bay!' in the County of Wentworth! for their own use, and for the use and maintenance of their respective families ....

I may here state, that these respectable people, have aided and assisted me, during the past 30 years, in protecting and preserving our fish, and the Fisheries of Burlington bay!- so as to win my esteem, regard and respect ...

In gratitude for their long and faithful services rendered from time to time to the Fisheries, and the Fisheries Department by protecting the fish in their own waters! and on which each farmer pays an annual Land tax, included in the Assessment Role, and the Collectors Role for each year, and for every year! - - - included in the assessment the same as the land on the farm ....

I hope you will not consider me over Zealous in submitting this matter for your consideration .... I believe all these Farmers, have riparian rights, to the waters of bays inlets, ponds, coves, and marshes, situated on, and within limits of their respective Farms, but like fronting a part of Burlington Bay!- as patented to them by the Crown, before Confederation took place! or a Province of Ontario was named.

As to the right and ownership of the Pike, that is a matter I leave entirely in your hands to say! and determine! - The Farmers, wishes me to lay the matter

S. O. Bronsdon Esq.
Deputy Minister,
Department of Fisheries, Ottawa.

before you. for consideration. . . .

The Names of the Farmers are as follows: —

1. George Lottridge. — Sergeant. —
2. Alex John Bates. . — Sergeant. —
3. William Bates. . — Sergeant. . —
4. Alex Ghent. — Sergeant. . —
5. Ellis Harris. . — Sergeant. . —
6. Thomas Jones. . Sergeant. . —
7. George Tuckett. Sergeant. . —
8. Andrew Gage. . — Barton. . —
9. Simon Peter Stipe. . — Barton. . —
10. John S. Lottridge. — Barton. . —
11. Thomas Lottridge. . — Barton. . . —
12. William Lottridge Barton. . . —
13. James Harney. Barton. . —
14. Abraham W. Taylor. — Barton. . . —

Respectfully submitted. .

I Have the Honor to be. —

Sir. —

Your Obedient Servant. —

J. Phillips —

Fishery Overseer —

O.B.

Such was the interest and delight taken by the late deceased Wm Gage, in the Fisheries, that he applied to the Department, as you are aware, and has on the waters of his farm, about 60. acres, set apart for the propagation of fish: his son Alex Andrew Gage, who is now the owner and occupant of the property; protects the fish; same as Father done before him. . . .

31. August 1885. . . .

J. Phillips — F.O.

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Beamsville April th 20. 85

Mr J W Bloor

Sir I make Aplicaton
for lisence to fish forty
yards of sane at the
mouth of read Crick
Lot No 13 Brokenfront
inclosed you will find
three dollars please forward
the the lisence as soon
as posibel

John H Sanns